

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### The Choice

IT is accepted as a truism in politics today that it is easier for a party to campaign on the mistakes and the neglect of others in the past than to campaign on the record of its achievements—especially if the record is not a good one. It appears that one Republican at least—Senator McCarthy—is going to take the easy way out in this year's Congressional elections if last week's feud between the Senator and the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Robert Stevens is anything to go by. The alleged abuse hurled at Brigadier General Zwicker ("You're not fit to wear that uniform") and the initial charge by Senator McCarthy ("The Army is condoning and protecting Communists") suggest that to win votes some Republicans are willing to go to almost any extreme—to the extreme of implicating their own officials—to oppose Communists who secured high Government posts during the Democratic Administration. The effect of this will be to distract American minds from the main election issues recently outlined by President Eisenhower. Communism, the President has said, would not be an issue in the forthcoming elections. By saying that he was not under-estimating the importance of internal Communism in America, he was merely putting it into proper perspective. For it is one thing to accuse one's political opponents of dilatoriness, inefficiency and incompetence. It is an entirely different thing to question their loyalty by accusing them of laxity and even connivance in allowing Communists to infiltrate into important Government departments. Moreover, it is an extremely dangerous precedent to set, for a charge of that nature may one day boomerang back on those who are now wielding it so effectively for the Republican Party.

THERE are two dangers in allowing the forthcoming campaign to be dominated by the "Communist issue": first, the verdict of many people in the outside world would be that Americans had lost their sense of proportion and of what is urgent and pressing in the world today; and second, if the present accusations and slanders continue, there is a very serious risk of American politics becoming polluted. However there are heartening signs that the President and some members of his party realise these very dangers. The Senate Republican Policy Committee has ordered a study of the rules under which investigations by sub-committees like Senator McCarthy's have been conducted. If the rules are amended and the powers of the sub-committees curtailed, it will be regarded as a convincing victory for the greatly admired and respected moderation of Mr. Eisenhower. The President said recently: "In my view the efficiency with which the Government is administered is a progressive, dynamic programme enhancing the welfare of the people of our country will determine the future political complex of the Congress and the future of the Administration. In any event, unless the Republican Party can develop and enact such a programme it does not deserve to remain in power." A comparative beginner, Mr. Eisenhower has the task of convincing the old and practised politicians in his Party of the wisdom of such a platform over the more sensational and potentially more profitable crusade against Communism. If he succeeds, in the eyes of the world he will have raised enormously the prestige not only of American politics but his own Administration.

# BRITAIN'S DEFENCE PLANS

## Socialists' Motion Is Defeated

### SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL PLEADS FOR UNITY

London, Mar. 2.

The House of Commons tonight rejected by 295 votes to 270 a Labour motion condemning the Government's £1,600,000,000 defence plans for 1954-55 after an appeal by Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, for a united front.

Sir Winston Churchill, urged the opposition not to force a division because it might be misinterpreted abroad.

Labour's opposition to the defence programme was largely pinned on the provision for continued two years for conscripts. It accepted the need for adequate defence but criticised the way the money was to be spent—too much on manpower and not enough on research and development.

The Labour motion was an amendment to the Government motion asking for approval of the defence plans.

The Government was not challenged to a vote.

Sir Winston Churchill, replying to the debate, said: "This is not a good moment, I think, for us to quarrel upon the broad issue of defence. I hope it may be possible even at the last minute to avoid a mere partisan division on the question as a whole. I would be glad if this went off without a vote."

## TV Licence Fee To Be Increased

London, Mar. 2.

The annual television licence fee is to be increased from £2 to £3 from June 1 to help set up commercial television in Britain, the House of Commons was told today.

British television, at present non-commercial, is operated by the British Broadcasting Corporation, a public body.

Mr. L. D. Gammons, Assistant Postmaster-General, said today the increased fees were designed to meet a suggestion made last year that the proposed British Commercial Television Authority should have certain funds independent of advertising revenue.

The proposed Authority would draw £750,000 annually from the increase in fees.

The Government's controversial plans for a television service in Britain financed by advertising would break the present monopoly of the British Broadcasting Corporation. The BBC gets its revenue from licence fees paid by listeners and viewers.

Mr. Gammons said the fee proposed was being included in the Television Bill which would be submitted to Parliament soon.

He said the new commercial TV Authority would get the money from the date it started operations.—Reuters.

## COUNTERFEITER PAYS ONE FRANC DAMAGES

Paris, Mar. 2.

Justin Pollet, a counterfeiter who forged only just enough money to keep himself and his girl friend alive, walked out of a Paris court today a free man after paying the Bank of France one franc damages.

The court gave him a five-year suspended sentence after the prosecutor himself had pleaded for the lightest possible sentence.

Pollet began his modest campaign with the Bank of France 12 years ago to finance his dreams of playing the violin in Paris concert halls and writing a monumental biography of Napoleon.

He found his long hours at the more conventional occupation of commercial artist left him no time for musical practice or historical research. Pollet treated his false bank notes like works of art, drawing each one laboriously by hand. That was in the morning. The afternoon was spent with the violin and the evening in the library.

He limited himself to five or six notes a week, increasing the denomination from 500 to 5,000 francs to keep pace with inflation.

But one day his friend, Yvonne Vasseur, tried to pay a grocer's bill with a note which was barely dry. The police followed her home and found Pollet's 44, his counterfeiting materials, a life-size portrait of Napoleon Bonaparte.

The court gave Yvonne a three-year suspended sentence. Pollet was fined 100 francs.

The Prime Minister referred to a remark in the debate that NATO was "pathetically weak" and that Britain's shield in the West was only strong enough to make the Russians reinforce their ground before launching an attack.

Sir Winston Churchill commented: "That is the point that constitutes the great improvement. It means we may hope for a warning period of an alert."

The Prime Minister went on: "The period of alert means not only that immense precautions can be taken for saving of life from an atom bomb raid. It also means that in the period before firing is opened—even one week or two—final efforts can be made to avert a supreme catastrophe, avert it even perhaps by revelation of the strength of the Allied forces possess in the atomic sphere."

Sir Winston Churchill said the idea that the West could ever make their forces so strong that they could invade Russia is "so silly that it does not deserve to be mentioned."

"We have got to get into our heads that the Soviet armies can afford to be cool. That is all we, in our preparations, are seeking to be able to do at the present time."

The Prime Minister said it was vital to be safeguarded against parachute attacks until the full power of the Allied air forces came into being.

"So long as Soviet paratroops are held at a considerable distance, their fighter aircraft have not got range to escort their carrier aircraft to our islands, he added.

"The slaughter these would suffer from our fighters would probably be regarded as prohibitive."

### COMPLICATED SITUATION

Sir Winston Churchill, in his appeal for unity on defence, said: "The situation today is not only crucial but is very complicated. All is in flux. Political, economic and, above all, scientific uncertainties are acting and reacting on each other, dominate the scene."

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No sweeping, clearcut, whole-sale decisions were possible.

The changes in the types of weapons were so rapid and continuous that if war should come at any time in the next decade, all the countries engaged would go into action with a large proportion of obsolete or obsolescent equipment. They would fight each other with these as well as they could.

Mr C. R. Attlee, leader of the Opposition, urged the Government to consider reducing the length of national service.

But he said he realised this could not be done without reducing commitments.

He suggested that to keep 70,000 to 80,000 troops in the Suez Canal was a "strategic absurdity" at the present time.

"I know all the arguments about the base," he said. "But it does seem to me that the thing is getting worse, and that the possible value of the base is getting less and less."

It was a pity the Government had not managed to come to an agreement with Egypt to "get rid of this appalling looking up of these troops."

Mr Richard Crossman (Labour) said the United States relied on Britain for their "colonial wars."

"If there have to be troops all over the world, we should call on the Americans to carry an equal share," he said.

It was the British who had to keep a large standing army while the United States cut their forces by ten per cent.

The Americans did it largely by relying on the British, French and Asians to fight the Asians," he said.

He believed Britain must catch up on capital investment with the Germans and Americans. To do this less money must be spent on defence. Manpower in the forces should therefore be cut.

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During the winter months Far Eastern fishermen catch fish under the ice. Members of the "New World Fishing Co-operative" caught many tons of fish this season, and three of the fishermen are seen here examining one of their catches. —London Express.

## More Soviet Gold For Europe

London, Mar. 2.

A new wave of Soviet gold shipments has begun reaching European capitals, authoritative sources reported today.

The Russian gold is once again reaching Britain, Switzerland and France, the sources said.

Large quantities of Soviet gold shipped into Europe from behind the Iron Curtain before Christmas totalled some \$50,000,000 or \$200,000,000.

All the gold is reported of fine quality and drawn from the large stocks piled up by the Kremlin in the postwar years.

There were no reliable estimates of the amounts reaching Europe but the quantities were again believed sizable. Paris reports said some three tons of Soviet gold reached France last week. They were sold for sterling, dollars and Swiss francs.

The new shipments of gold indicate Moscow is acquiring foreign currency for a large-scale purchasing programme in Europe. The Kremlin also was believed to be anxious to replenish its political funds abroad.

There is no concrete information available about either Soviet gold reserves or production, but best available estimates put her gold reserves up to \$3,000,000,000 compared with America's \$22,000,000,000 and Britain's \$2,200,000,000.

As for Russia's production of gold, estimates vary considerably. The Bank for International Settlements estimated it not long ago at some 4,000,000 ounces a year. The US Bureau of Mines believes it has increased lately to some 9,500,000 ounces.

This would place her second after South Africa, which leads as the world's largest gold producer. One effect of the Soviet gold selling has been a further fall of the gold price in Paris, where it was at one time the lowest since 1947.—United Press.

## Increased Pay For Servicemen

London, Mar. 2.

The British Government today announced pay rises for sections of the 350,000-strong armed services in an effort to persuade experienced regular troops to stay in the forces longer.

The increases, which start next month, were revealed in a Government paper presented to Parliament.

They do not apply to men called up for two years' compulsory duty with the forces.

At present, the Government said, the services are neither attracting sufficient men prepared to sign long term initial engagements nor inducing those on shorter regular service to continue in the forces when their engagement ends.

The pay improvements are designed to give increased recognition to long service, skill and experience, the Government said.

For officers, rises will range from four shillings a day for naval lieutenants and their equivalent army and air force ranks, to seven shillings a day for naval captains and men of comparable rank in the other services.

For non-commissioned officers the increases will be from two shillings to four shillings daily according to rank.

Length of service pay will be introduced, enabling non-commissioned ranks to get an extra shilling a day after three years, to three shillings and three-pence after 17 years.

Women's service will receive about three-quarters of the men's increases.

Taxfree bounties up to £100 will continue to be paid to privates and non-commissioned officers who sign on for further periods of service.

Mr Nigel Birch, Parliamentary Secretary to the Defence Ministry, told the House of Commons the pay changes will cost an extra £48,000,000 a year.—Reuters.

### FALSE WARNING

New York, Mar. 2. At 1:30 p.m. today, an anonymous telephone caller warned the Puerto Rican Department of Labour Office that a bomb had been placed in the building. A police sergeant stationed at the office after yesterday's incident called the bomb squad which dispatched extra men to search the building.

The bomb squad and 20 additional policemen searched the building but found no explosives. The caller was not traced.—United Press.

## Naguib Blames Britain For Sudan Riots

Cairo, Mar. 3.

President Mohammed Naguib of Egypt blamed Britain last night for the riots in Khartoum on Monday which cost 34 lives.

In a nationwide broadcast after his return from Khartoum on the postponement of the opening of the Sudanese Parliament, President Naguib asked: "In whose interest is this sedition in the Sudan?"

"It is only in the interest of imperialist enemies of the country who may use it as a pretext to claim that they remain in the Sudan to maintain order," he said in an answer to his own question.

After praying for the "repose of the souls" of those killed in the disorders, President Naguib asked God to "protect us from sedition and plots of conspirators against Arabs and Moslems."

He said he had originally planned to stay in the Sudan for several days, "but for the regrettable incident which moved the hearts of the Sudanese reception."

President Naguib added: "Our country has been afflicted with several calamities and severe tests. Every time we discovered that the root of evil lay in dissension and disunity."

"Those were the reasons of the state of weakness we have reached. We have a new vivid example from which we may draw a lesson," he said.

Addressing Sudanese, Egyptians, Arabs and Moslems throughout the world, President Naguib added: "Sedition could be the result of the inspiration of former British administrators to show the Sudan as disunited. Or possibly they fear my personal contact with the Sudanese would enhance their struggle to wrest their rights."

He said: "I assure you that such incidents throw us backward when we are in the greatest need of unity to march forward towards glory."

"God urges you to unite and the Right calls on you to close your ranks," he concluded.—Reuters.

118 ARRESTED  
Cairo, Mar. 2. Arrests in Egypt mounted tonight to 118 and a spokesman at the Military Police Headquarters claimed that a gallery door leading to the seats which the Puerto Ricans had occupied suddenly opened. A man, a woman and a youth, presumably their son, walked in and sat down. They watched quietly.—United Press.

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London, Mar. 2.

The United States, Britain and France have opened consultations in their three capitals on the forthcoming Geneva conference in Geneva, official British sources disclosed today.

The preliminary Western consultations are aimed at closer alignment of Far Eastern policy by the Big Three for the conference which will mark their first meeting with representatives of Communist China.

The Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain and France are expected to meet personally next month, probably in Paris, shortly before the Geneva conference opens on April 26 to put the final touches to their strategy.

Preliminary reactions from the nations invited to attend the meeting have foreshadowed record participation.

Nearly all of the 16 member nations of the United Nations with troops in Korea are expected to send representatives to the conference.

Invitations were sent out by the United States after the Berlin decision. Russia has invited Red China, North and South Korea are also to attend.

The Foreign Ministers will, it was understood, attend the first stage of the conference.

If agreement on basic principles is reached they will delegate their duties to their deputies of ministerial rank.

**DIFFICULT JOB**

The West still has a difficult job ahead in the coming weeks aligning its policy on the Far East and more particularly on the delicate issue of Red China's future role in relation to the United Nations.

The agreement on the Geneva meeting with Red China's participation was on the understanding that this did not imply her recognition by the United States.

The other tricky question is that of the stipulated talks on Indo-China. Consultations are now to clarify whether they are to be held simultaneously with the Korean negotiations or in subsequent talks.

The composition of the Indo-China meeting also has to be clarified. The Berlin agreement spoke of "interested parties" which leaves the door wide open. — United Press.

**BE VERY CAREFUL**

Washington, Mar. 2. The Thai Ambassador, Pote Sarasin, said today his country believed the free nations of the world must be very careful "not to fall into any traps" when they negotiate with the Communists on Korea and Indo-China at Geneva.

Thailand was "vitaly interested," as a neighbour of Indo-China, in the indications that there may be some negotiated settlement with the Communist Vietnamese forces there.

He said it was his personal opinion that if any talking was done with the Vietnamese, it should be through the Vietnam forces of the French Union.

Otherwise, it would constitute implicit recognition of the Vietnamese leader, Ho Chi-minh, by France, with the Vietnam being by-passed.

Sarasin, whose country will be in on the Geneva conference as one of the United Nations members with fighting forces in Korea, said the Bangkok Government had not yet designated its representative for the sessions.

While his country would participate in the Geneva conference on Korea as one of the U.N. fighting nations, it was not clear whether he would also sit in on a subsequent Indo-China conference, if it was held.

The communiqué at Berlin merely said that "interested countries" would confer on Indo-China. While Thailand was "vitaly interested" in the Indo-China conflict, "the outcome of which will affect all Asia," she does not know whether it was intended to limit the Indo-China talks to those actually fighting or supplying arms. — United Press.

**Noel Coward  
Takes Up  
Painting**

Kingston, Jamaica, Mar. 2.

Directors of the Institute of Jamaica invited Noel Coward to open their annual art show "as a genius and a unique gentleman."

Mr Coward, who is wintering at his Jamaica home, said in his inaugural speech that Jamaica had given him two of the greatest gifts that any creative artist can ask of life—"peace and time, but above all time, time to read and to think and to work, time to relax."

He said he had taken up painting as a hobby but that he was still very much an amateur. — China Mail Special.

**Li Tsung-jen &  
Dr Wu May  
Work Together**

New York, Mar. 2.

A former Chinese Nationalist Vice-President Li Tsung-jen, against whom impeachment charges have been filed, was said today to be "very sympathetic" with the views of Dr K. C. Wu, also under attack in the Taipei Government.

A source close to General Li said it might be possible for Wu and Li to work together in the future, since both were anti-Communist and at the same time opposed to the Chiang Kai-shek regime.

Li had been in voluntary exile in New York city for four years. Wu, at present in Chicago, charged last week that the Formosa Government lacked true democracy but added he did not wish publicly to air his differences with certain Administration officials.

Li informed that a formal impeachment motion had been filed against him, referred to his letter of February 5 to Chiang.

The letter had said that he looked upon the summons to return to Formosa as being a "trap." He added that if he did return, "anything may happen to me."

**WU WILLING**

At Chicago, Dr Wu said he would be willing to work with "anyone who is acting unselfishly for the good of our nation and its cause." He emphasized that he has "no political ambitions" for himself and does not wish to align himself with anyone who has.

Dr Wu revealed he had sent two letters on February 27, one to the Chinese National Assembly and the other to President Chiang Kai-shek, giving his political views.

"The letters listed what I consider the cardinal errors of the Government and made six concrete proposals for immediate Democratic reforms," Dr Wu said. "I considered it my duty to point out."

"I asked that these proposals be published in Taiwan," Dr Wu said, "but they may be suppressed."

If so, he said, he may "reconsider" his position of refusing "to wash dirty linen" before the United States public and make public his charges and suggestions.

"If I have to do that I will do everything I can to avoid damaging our cause," he said. Dr Wu said he presumed the letters, sent via air mail, could reach Taipei about March 5. — United Press.

**CATHAY**TO-DAY & TO-MORROW  
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.**STILL MISSING  
FROM  
KOREAN WAR**

London, Mar. 2.

The Under-Secretary of State for War, Mr J.R.H. Hutchinson, said today that five officers and 80 non-commissioned officers and men of the British armed forces were still listed as missing as a result of participation in the Korean war. — France-Press.

**Van Zeeland  
Warns On  
EDC Delays**

Brussels, Mar. 2.

The Belgian Foreign Minister, Mr Paul Van Zeeland, warned today of the danger that the United States would tire of European hesitations to ratify the European Defence Community Treaty and conclude a direct agreement with Germany.

"I refuse to believe in this eventuality, but if it occurs the dangers of war will increase considerably," he told the Senate at the start of a debate on a bill to ratify the treaty.

He said there was the danger that if the treaty was not soon ratified by the six signatories that the United States would, in the case of aggression, abandon the continent and withdraw to outer positions from where they would reconquer Europe.

A third fearful possibility could conceivably be a rapprochement between Germany and Russia involving the revival of a German army, he stated.

**WANTS REAFFIRMATION**  
Mr Van Zeeland urged the United States to "reaffirm her assurance that American troops will not be withdrawn from Europe and replaced by German troops within the defence community."

He also called on Britain to conclude a bilateral agreement of association with EDC.

Debate on the bill is expected to last a fortnight but its approval is regarded as a foregone conclusion. It was passed by a large majority in the Lower House. — Reuter.

**Syria Going Back To  
Old Constitution**

Damascus, Mar. 2.

President Hashem El Atassi announced today a return to the Syrian Constitution drawn up by the Constituent Assembly in 1950.

In his first decree the President announced the preparation of machinery to conduct general elections and a referendum authorising the future Parliament to draw up a new constitution. The President's statement indicates that elections will probably be held within three months.

**Nehru's Party  
Wins  
Two Elections**

New Delhi, Mar. 2.

The Indian Congress Party (ruling party), won two elections today—those of the northern state of Punjab (a union of Patiala and the East Punjab states) and the southern state of Travancore-Cochin.

Both states went to the polls in the hope of a more stable Government than those formed two years ago after India's first general elections.

By midnight local time, with 145 out of 147 results announced, Congress had secured 45 seats in Travancore-Cochin, its main rival, a united front of leftists comprising Communists, Revolutionary Socialists and the Kerala Socialist Party, had secured only 35 seats but could also count on four Independents elected with its support.

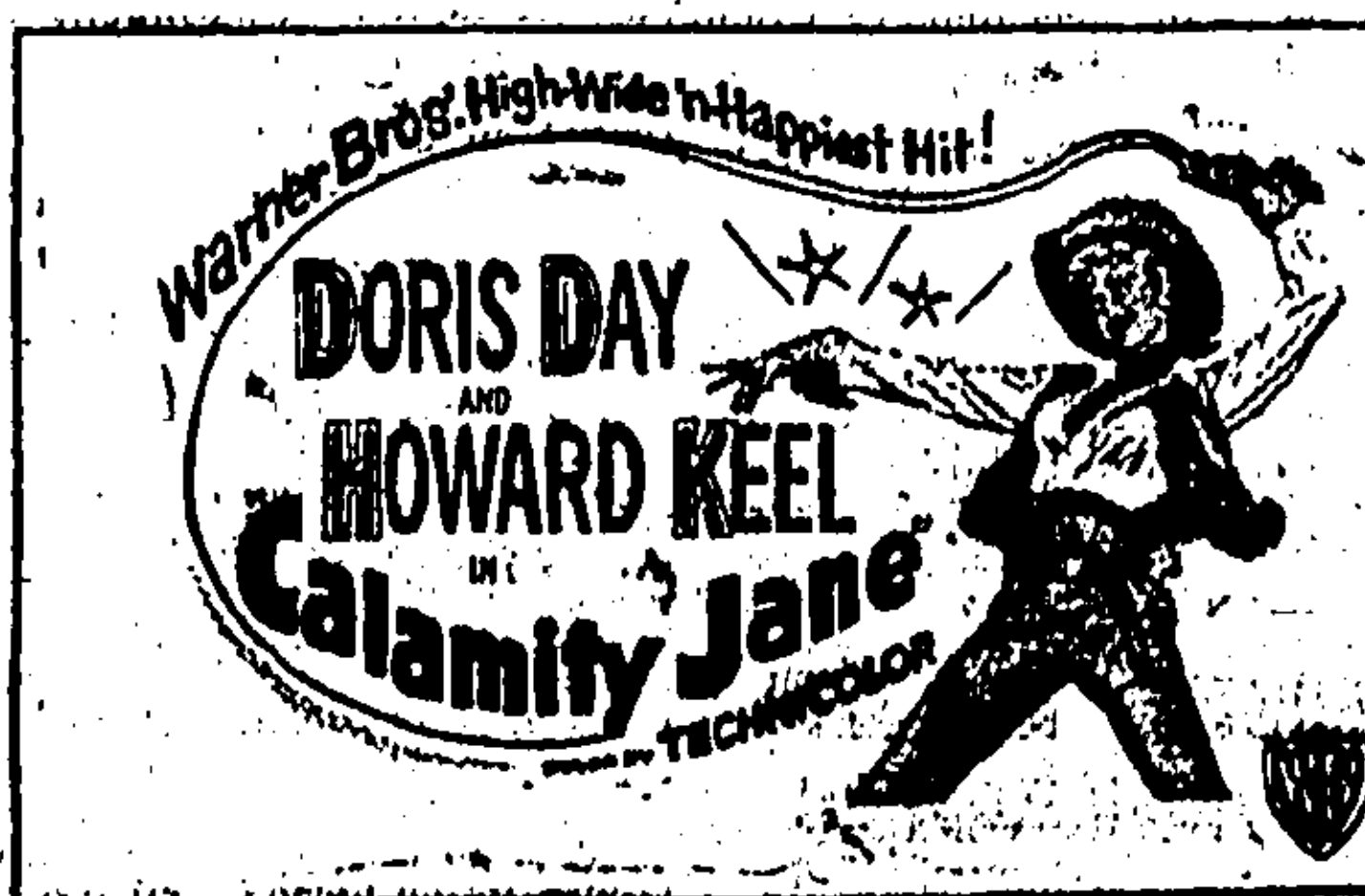
The latest party position was: Congress 45; Communists 23; Revolutionary Socialist Party nine; Kerala Socialist Party 3; Travancore Tamilnad Congress 12; Independents five; Praja Socialist Party 18.

The last time Congress had only 44 out of 108 seats, and formed a Government with the support of five Independents.

The Congress Party won a clear majority today in the northern state of Punjab (a union of Patiala and the East Punjab states) with 32 of the 60 seats in the State Assembly and 11 results still to come. — Reuter.

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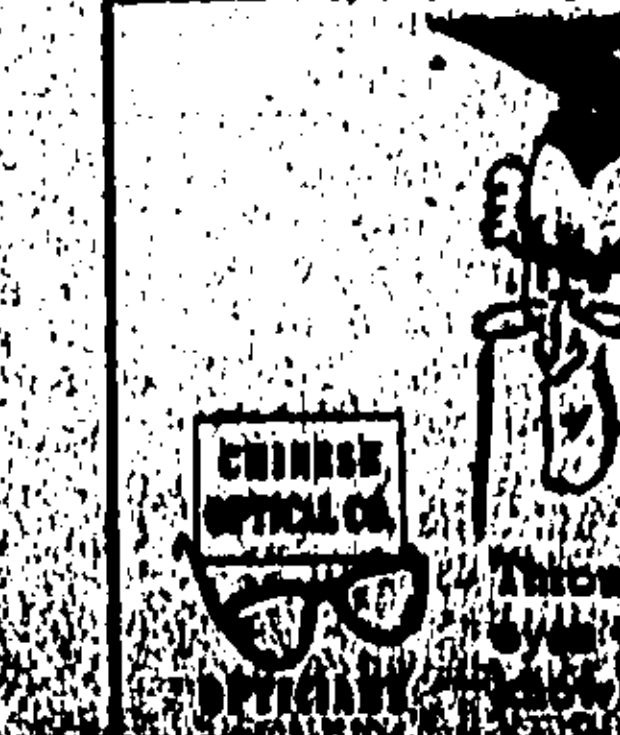
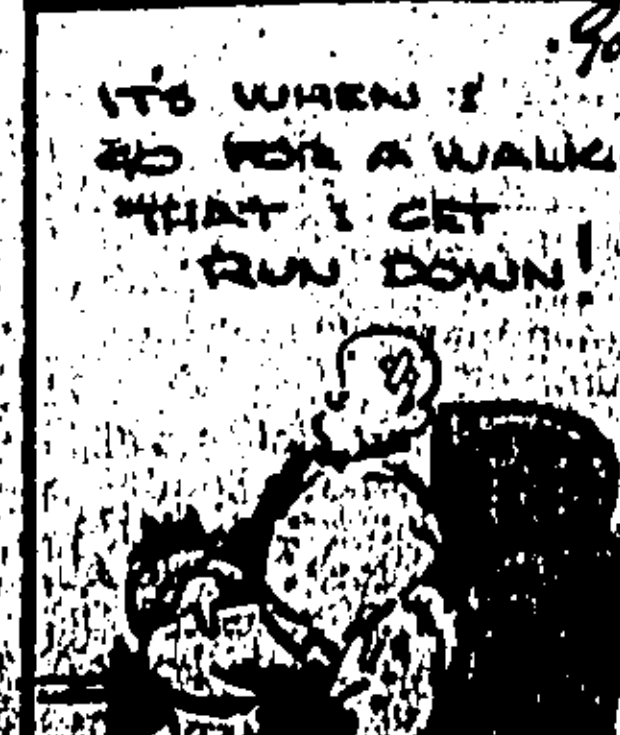
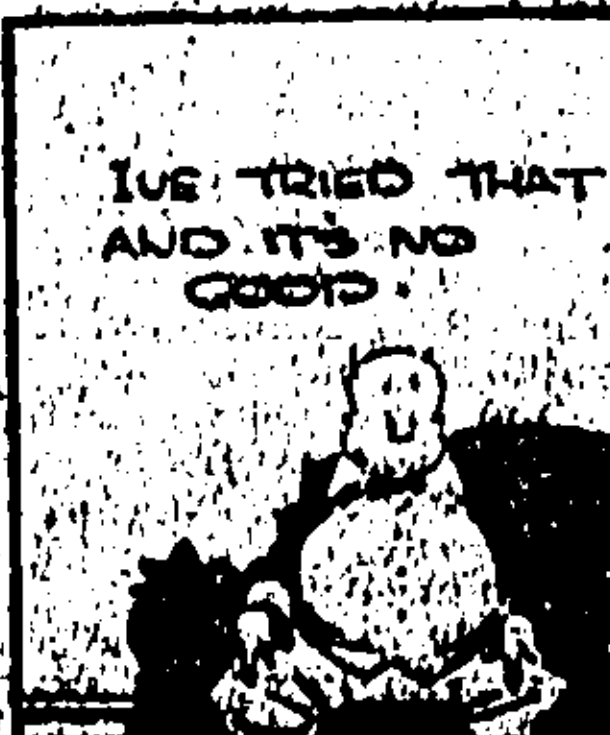
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# US "ABSOLUTISTS" SCORE A VICTORY

## Resignation Of Arthur Dean

### South Korea Plans Action Against "Poachers"

Seoul, Mar. 2. The South Korean Coast Guard will double its tonnage and add several reconnaissance planes to guard the Sinyang Rhee fishing line against Japanese ships, the national police chief announced today.

Lee Sung-chu, the Police Chief who also commands the Coast Guard, said, "several planes" will be purchased soon. It was an apparent counter-measure to radar-equipped Japanese patrol craft.

Lee also said a plan to double the tonnage of Coast Guard craft was under way. He implied that Japanese fishing fleets escorted by radar-equipped patrol boats would find it difficult to trespass the Rhee Line when opposed by spotter planes and extra Coast Guard ships.—United Press.

Washington, Mar. 2.

The resignation of Mr Arthur Dean as United States representative to the Korean peace negotiations will be regarded here as a victory for extremist opponents in Congress of any form of recognition of Communist China.

Mr Dean, who acted as United States negotiator in the Panmunjom talks to prepare the way for a Korean political conference, had become suspect with the "Absolutist" group in Congress, who strongly favour aid to the Chinese Nationalist Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and are bitterly opposed to recognition of Communist China or its admission to the United Nations in any circumstances.

The reason for the suspicion is a press interview which Mr Dean gave in January. In this interview, he:

- (1) urged a re-appraisal of the possibility of putting the Nationalist Chinese Government back on the mainland.
- (2) urged that "if, short of military operation, there is a chance of dividing Communist China from Russia, we ought to take a look at it," and
- (3) suggested that the United States might be blind to its own interests if it insisted on standing on the sidelines in its relations with Communist China.

Mr Dean has made it clear he does not think the United States should recognize Communist China at present.

Mr Dean could not have been excluded from the United States delegation to the Geneva conference in April (with the Communist Chinese taking part) on Korea and Indo-China, if he had remained an official United States representative for the Korea and Indo-China.

### FEAR OF CONCESSIONS

But his presence in Geneva might have been interpreted by Congress as an indication that the United States was willing to make concessions to the Chinese Communists to obtain peace in Korea and Indo-China.

The "Absolutist" group in Congress, led by Senator William Knowland of California, the Republican Party leader in the Senate, has already been expressing its fears that such concessions might be made.

The presence of Mr Dean at Geneva would therefore have made it much more difficult for the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, to "sell" any agreement reached at Geneva to Congress.

There also has been some criticism of Mr Dean's tactics at the Panmunjom negotiations. He broke off the talks last December, declaring he would not resume them until the Communists withdrew a charge that the United States had acted with "perfidy" in releasing of anti-Communist prisoners.

by the South Koreans last July. Some have suggested that he did not choose the right time or the right issue to break off the talks.

### VEHEMENT DENIAL

The Communists at Panmunjom refused to withdraw the charge, but Mr Dulles agreed at the Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference in Berlin last month to confer with the Chinese Communists on a Korean political settlement.

About three weeks ago, State Department spokesmen denied, formally and vehemently, reports that the Department had decided to withdraw Mr Dean as United States delegate to the Korean peace negotiations and also that he had asked to be relieved of his assignment.

Officials today explained that the situation had been changed by the decision to hold the Geneva conference instead of continuing the Panmunjom exploratory talks.

They also pointed to the fact that Mr Dean, when he accepted the appointment last August, had said he could not serve after April of this year. (The Geneva conference is due to open on April 26).

Officials had no explanation to offer when asked why this fact had not been made public when the Department denied reports that Mr Dean had asked to be relieved.—China Mail Special.

## How Nazis Got Their Arctic Weather Reports

Salzburg, Mar. 2. Nazi Germany got weather reports from a secret station less than 40 miles from an American weather station at Nanok in the Arctic circle, a leading Austrian meteorologist has disclosed here.

Today's Salzburger Nachrichten describes one of the best kept secrets of the last war—"Operation Double Bass," which got up weather stations in the Arctic Sea.

It quotes a report of one of the heads of the project, Professor Heinrich Schatz, to a meeting of the Austrian Alpine Society here.

Professor Schatz said the German Navy and Air Force between 1941 and 1954 took two teams of weather experts to North East Greenland, four to Spitsbergen, one to Franz-Josef-Land and one to Hope Island, southeast of Spitsbergen.

One of the stations, at Shannon Island, 620 miles north of Greenland, was within 40 miles of the Nanok post under Americans and Danes.

The German teams, with supplies for two years, lived in igloos or ice caverns inside glaciers and sent weather reports to Germany every three hours.—Reuter.

## Woman Gets Soviet Health Post

London, Mar. 2. Maria Dimitriyevna Kovaleva has been appointed Soviet Minister of Health, Moscow Radio said today. She is the only woman in the Russian government.

Alexander Fedorovich Tretyakov has been released from his post as Minister of Health, the radio added.

Tretyakov was one of the signatories to the post mortem report on Stalin a year ago.

The first medical bulletin on Stalin's illness announced that his treatment was being carried out "under the guidance of A. F. Tretyakov, Minister of Public Health."

Madame Kovaleva was promoted from the post of Soviet Deputy Health Minister, to which she was appointed in October last year.

## St. Laurent Visits "Number Ten"



British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill with his guest, Canadian Prime Minister M. Louis St. Laurent and members of his family, at 10, Downing Street, London. Left to right they are M. Jean Paul St. Laurent; Mrs. Hugh O'Donnell (son and daughter of the Canadian Premier); Sir Winston Churchill; Lady Churchill; and M. Louis St. Laurent. The Canadian Prime Minister is in London on a world tour to meet leaders in the search for an approach to peace.

## Senator McCarthy Suggested: Special "Labour Camps" For US Security Risks

Washington, Mar. 2.

Senator Joseph R. McCarthy is understood to regard special labour camps as just one possible way of handling the problem of security risks in the U.S. Army.

He has not given his personal endorsement to the labour camp idea which he suggested as a possibility during a public hearing of his Senate investigating sub-committee.

Persons familiar with Senator McCarthy's thinking on the subject said he is concerned that Communists or persons of questionable loyalty should not be given a loophole for avoiding military service which other Americans are subject to.

Automatic rejection of draftees who refuse to swear loyalty to the United States would provide such a loophole.

On the other hand, Senator McCarthy has expressed concern that Communists or pro-Communists holding normal billets in the army might be in a position to betray military information or to attempt subversion of fellow soldiers.

His labour camp suggestion was brought out in connection

with special camps the U.S. Army maintains for declared conscientious objectors.

Senator McCarthy and Senator Everett Dirksen said they believed that a similar set-up for soldiers of questionable loyalty might be the answer.—United Press.

### £10,000 FINE

London, Mar. 2.

A London export company was fined £10,000 today for exporting anti-submarine and anti-torpedo netting to Spain.

Household Machines Export Limited pleaded guilty to four summonses alleging that they exported a total of 1,834 tons of netting with intent to evade export prohibition orders. The company was also ordered to pay 200 guineas costs.—United Press.

## Queen Did Not Dance At Royal Ball

Melbourne, Mar. 2.

Queen Elizabeth, dressed in a full skirted gown of foaming white organdie, sat against an exotic background of red, white and blue flowers here tonight watching the dancers at Melbourne Royal ball.

She and the Duke of Edinburgh stayed for an hour and a half, but neither of them danced.

The Queen sat out on an elaborately carved gilded chair in crimson brocade. Members of her household sat nearby on Louis XV couches.

Workmen had been busy for days transforming the city's exhibition hall into a fairyland of flowers and bunting.

Pillars and balconies were hidden by bank upon bank of colourful blooms and gay pendants.

The work cost £40,000. During the evening the Queen was presented with a magnificent gold jewel box from the City Council.

The £1,000 gift was handed to her by the Lord Mayor, Councillor H. Solly.

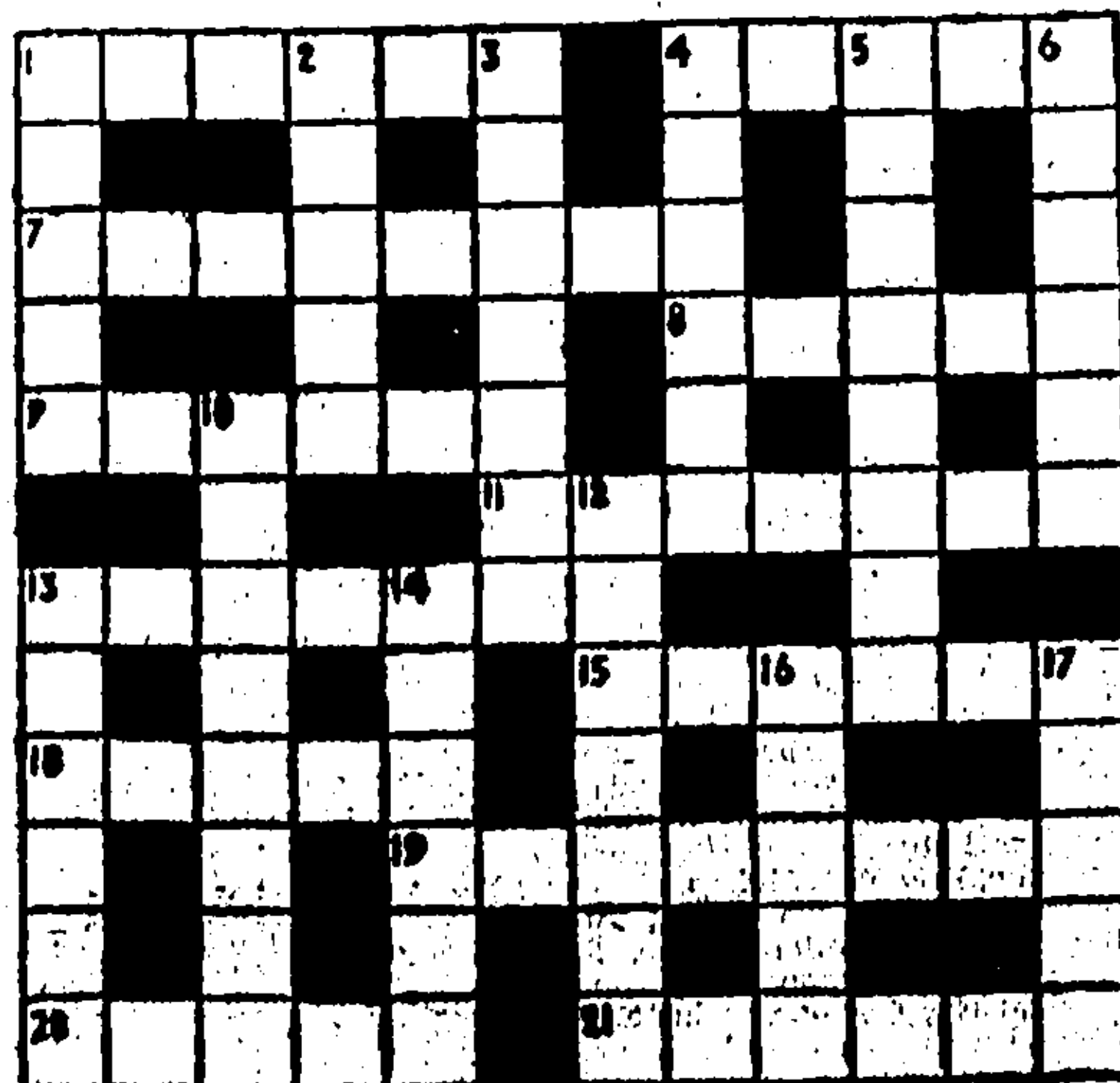
About 8,000 guests stopped dancing to watch the presentation.—Reuter.

London, Mar. 2.

Two officials from the Soviet Trade Ministry flew today from London to the Shetland Islands, where a Russian trawler has been aground since Sunday because of rough seas.

Two other Russian ships today failed to haul the trawler off with cables.—France-Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 Trouser (6).
- 4 Minimum (5).
- 7 Apropos (5).
- 8 Test (6).
- 9 Doll (6).
- 11 Oblique (7).
- 12 Angry (7).
- 15 Conceal (6).
- 16 Defect (6).
- 19 Enliven (6).
- 20 Picture support (6).
- 21 Tenant (6).

### DOWN

- 1 Denude (5).
- 2 Inexpensive (5).
- 3 Diaper (7).
- 4 Mess (6).
- 5 Shortage (6).
- 6 Worked hard (6).
- 10 Suggests (6).
- 12 Taking neither side (7).
- 13 Nonsense (6).
- 14 Artificial (6).
- 16 Lazee (5).
- 17 Push with the elbow (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Chain, 4. Bridge, 5. Able, 10. Elected, 11. Lone, 12. Ruse, 14. Dawdled, 15. Inter, 16. Yarn, 22. Exhaust, 25. Lead, 27. Rice, 28. Fiddler, 29. Chain, 30. Sent, 31. Peasants, 32. Shed, Down: 1. Arthur, 3. Mal, 4. Shook, 5. Present, 6. Dosed, 7. Enthus, 12. Rife, 13. Bal, 14. Lure, 16. Dosed, 18. Carous, 20. Kicks, 21. Admire, 22. Yarn, 23. Rife, 24. Threw.

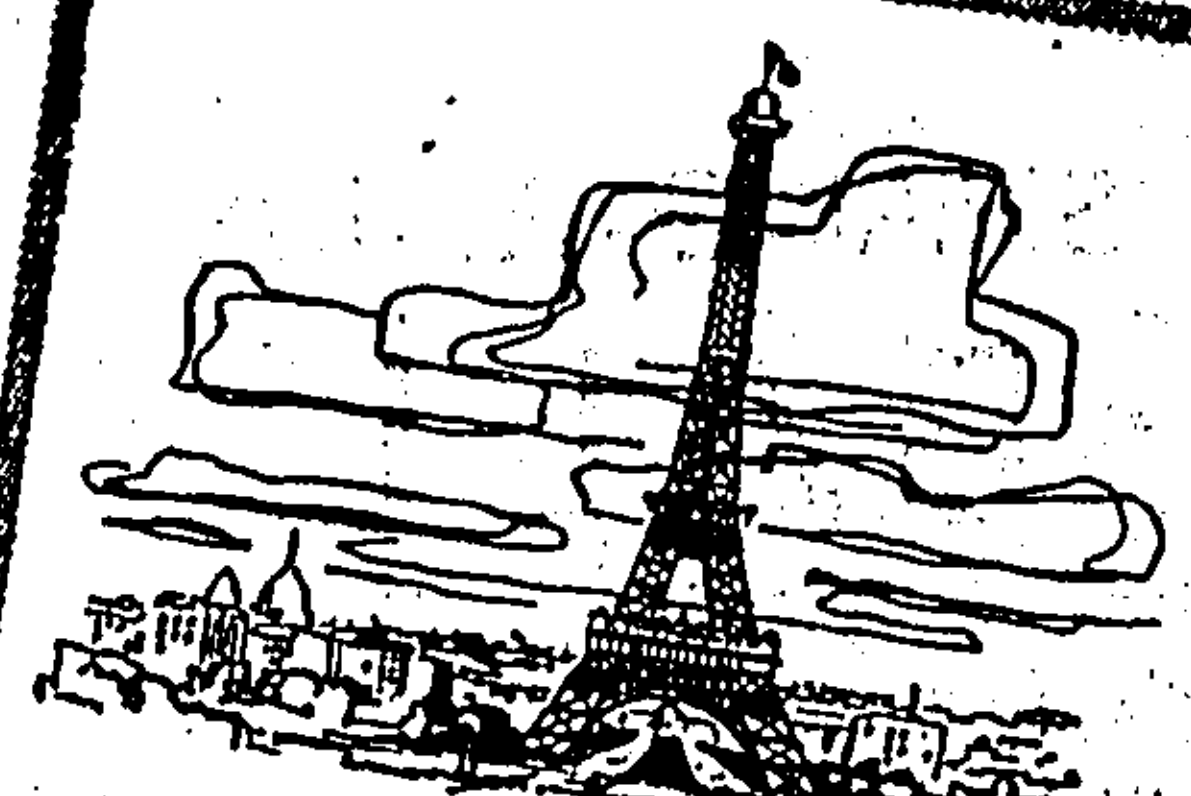
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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Bridge and Math Are Dangerous

BY OSWALD JACOBY

A LITTLE mathematics is a dangerous thing. Most bridge players would admit the wrong attitude towards South's grand slam bid in the hand shown today.

In the first two rounds of bidding, South discovered that his partner had some sort of diamond suit and some sort of spade support for hearts. Naturally, South galloped off in the direction of a slam.

South used a Blackwood bid of four no-trump, discovering that North had one ace. This was fine, since South had the other three aces. The only question was whether North had

NORTH 28			
6	7	8	9
A 7 4 2	A 7 4 2	A 7 4 2	A 7 4 2
K 10 8 3	K 10 8 3	K 10 8 3	K 10 8 3
5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3
SOUTH 10			
WEST	EAST	WEST	EAST
A 8 7 5	A K J 10 4 3 2	A 8 7 5	A K J 10 4 3 2
K 10 3	5	K 10 3	5
5	7 2	5	7 2
A J 10 9 2	A K 8 7 4	A J 10 9 2	A K 8 7 4
SOUTH (D)			
A 9	A 10 8	A 9	A 10 8
K 10 9	A 10 8	K 10 9	A 10 8
5	7 2	5	7 2
A 10	A 10 8	A 10	A 10 8
Both sides vul			
South	West	North	East
1♥ Pass	2♥ Pass	3♥ Pass	4♥ Pass
1♠ Pass	2♠ Pass	3♠ Pass	4♠ Pass
5NT Pass	6♠ Pass	7♠ Pass	8♠ Pass
7♥ Pass	8♠ Pass	9♠ Pass	10♠ Pass
Opening lead—A♣			

enough kings to make the grand slam a good gamble.

South went over in his mind to the ace of clubs. North had only one king, a small slam was good enough. If North had two of the missing three kings, he might make a grand slam anyway. He would make up his mind later, South decided. If North could show three kings in response to the Blackwood bid of five no-trump, South would go very happily to seven hearts.

Much to South's astonishment, however, North responded with a bid of six clubs, showing no kings at all. North was the next player to be astonished, for South jumped to seven hearts even though he had just discovered that his partner had no kings.

Was South right or wrong to bid the grand slam?

Curiously enough, South was right. And I say this, knowing full well that it is usually a poor idea to bid a grand slam, that depends on a host of factors. If South knew that his partner had a fairly good diamond suit headed by the queen or queen-jack and the ace of hearts, no other hand containing only one ace and no kings would be worth the initial response of two diamonds. In short, South had a very clear idea of what the dummy would look like.

West would surely lead a club suit. At least one of those clubs, perhaps both, would represent a weak point. If West made his best opening lead, South would not make a bad heart. Depending on the finesse in trumps, South would make either five or seven. That being so, there was no advantage in bidding six. It paid to bid the grand slam and try for the maximum profit.

## CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West  
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass  
3 Hearts Pass 1 Spade Pass  
You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-7-3, Hearts 3-2, Diamonds 9-8-4-2, Clubs K-J-7. What do you do?

A—Bid three no-trump. You have no stopper in diamonds, but you do not guarantee a stopper in each of the unbid suits in this situation. You guarantee only that your distribution is reasonably balanced, and that your strength is scattered.

## TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-7-3, Hearts 3-2, Diamonds 9-8-4-2, Clubs K-J-7. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

## DUMB BELLS

DID YOU SWEEP UNDER THE RUG?

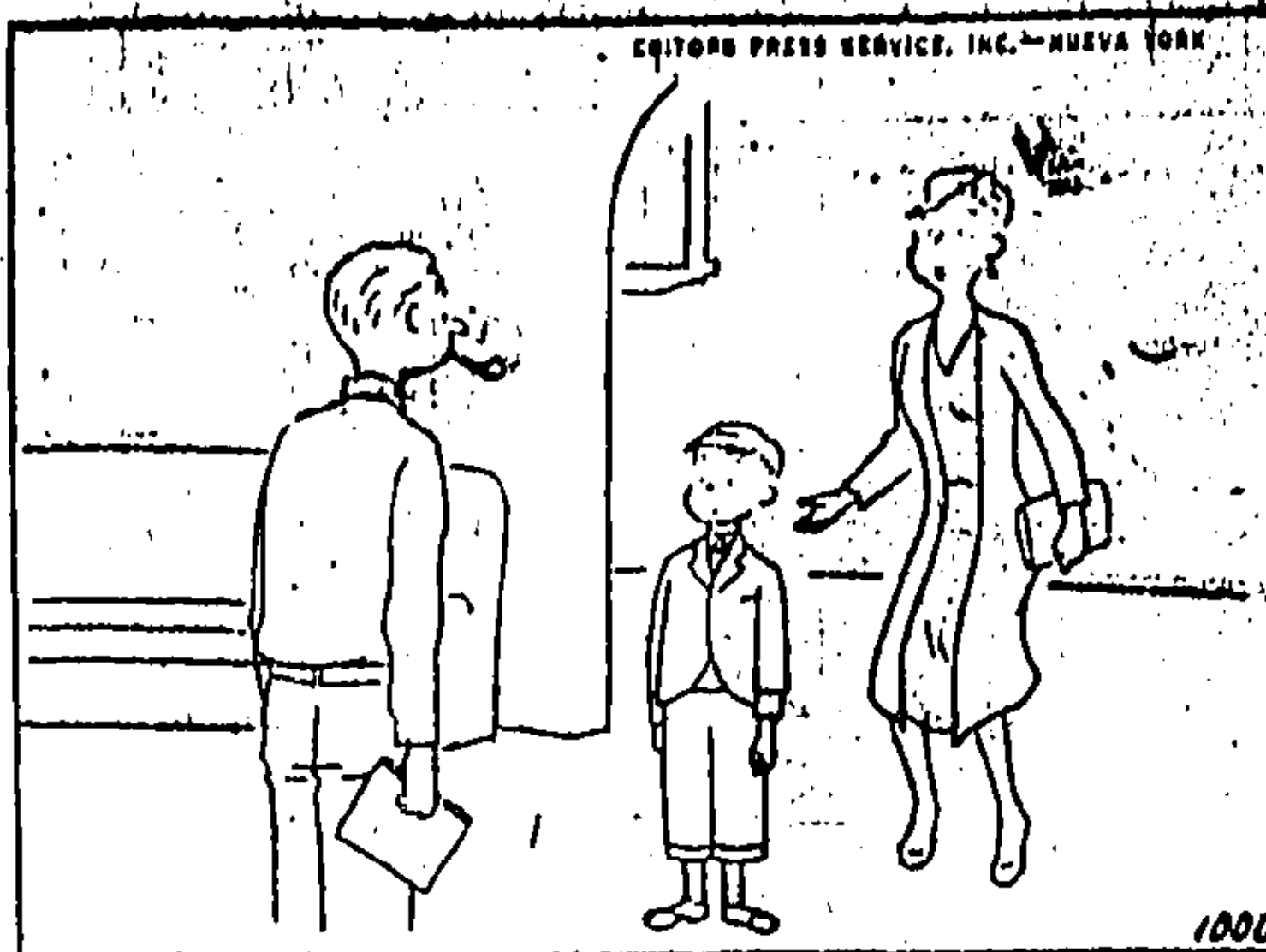
YES, MA'AM, EVERYTHING.

WHAT'S HER LINE?

PAT SLEIGHTER

Re-arrange the letters to form a sentence.

(Solution on Page 10)



"I rushed him right home in his brand-new suit, but I swear he's grown another good two inches since we left the store".

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

WHEN the new television station with a mast 1,780 ft. high is built, we are assured that there will be certain safeguards for the natural beauty of the neighbourhood.

I presume that the tower will be painted, and that the buildings will have some dark beams inside and out. Batteries full of cardboard will flowers, and plastic trees will be planted along the tower. The tower will be a really real look to the whole superb conception. The entrance to the main building will be by a lift-gate. To the side of the tower itself in my suit along realistically.

And they better hurry on the project, as the news is that people are already getting sick of radio's revolting little brother television. It would be suggested that viewers should be locked in their homes during programme time. If that doesn't work, chain them to the screen.

## Suet and Mimsie at the play

AT an exciting moment in Act II a hand entered Sue's arm. The attack came from the left. It was the red-headed beauty in distress. Sue moved his own hand, reaching to unclasp his neighbour's grip, but, on gentle reader, that hand met hers, and believing her to be really frightened, Sue pulled her violently, whispering "There, there!" Mimsie could not but be aware of these antics, and

at once suspected that the patting was a fondling. Sue, however, ignored her lips. "At last," she thought, "this viper in human form shows himself in his true colours." Meanwhile our reluctant Lethbridge, our terrified Don Juan, our bewildered Casanova, allowed the patting to become something damnable like a stroking. The exciting moment on the stage passed, and Sue, disengaged with a shamefaced utter of steeled nerves, a titter which Mimsie construed as the laugh of exultant gallantry.

## Marginal note

MR VACHELLE'S 2nd birthday. It is a first-rate story, and far more true to school life as it is experienced by the ordinary boy than all the modern rubbish written about public schools. Of course, it is the smart thing today to be sceptical about the book. The sentimental ending, which is as true to life as any other kind of ending, horrifies those who think that only what is sordid and hideous is the truth.

## In passing

THERE is a simpler, more up-to-date substitute for the "I will" which no man should want to banish from the marriage service, than the one he suggests. It is the simple "I will" which is the truest and the most useful. "I will" that would leave no body in doubt, and would not interfere with plans for the future.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

BIRTH today, you have an inventive, inventive and very ingenious mind, which can always think up a new idea. You are a quick thinker. You will find it easy to develop them in some practical manner. In other words, don't waste all your energies in daydreams and blueprints. Get working on them and you will discover that they really are as good as you thought they were. In fact, if you procrastinate too long, you may have the bitter experience of seeing someone else reap a fortune on a similar idea.

Kind of mechanics, having a good memory and a sharp eye for detail, you would probably do well in electrical research. The stars have given you a talent for music and with the proper training you could become a first performer on some instrument. You should also be able to compose.

Your love nature is a strong one and you are only happy when you are in the midst of an exciting romance. If you can find someone who gives you a continual feeling of excitement, you are then your marriage can be an exciting and rewarding one. Your children are a sharp as your love, and you will be apt to hate or love on first meeting. Your emotional life will be a rather lively one unless you cultivate a certain philosophical attitude in this respect. Learn to

distinguish between real love and temporary infatuation. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 4

PIECES (Feb. 28-Mar. 29)—Some unselfish action on your part today can bring joy and happiness to another as well as yourself. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Practical ideas should be put to work and fully utilized for your personal advantage. Now. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Give aid to someone who needs it and then later on, you will feel justified in asking for help, yourself. GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Keep a proper equilibrium between work and play and you will find that your personal actually progress much faster.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Impulsive words and action can lead to a major misunderstanding with important people. Avoid this. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Take a little time out for some informative reading. You may find that it comes in mighty useful later on. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Signs are auspicious for anything which you may wish to do. Pick your task and accomplish it successfully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Remember that if you have worked especially hard on a job, you may need to relax thoroughly for proper emotional balance. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Don't be pessimistic over too much responsibility. Make a constructive, optimistic, attitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Does a loved one deserve a special gift for a very special occasion? Pick out exactly the right one. CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Treat pessimism rather than outright argument. Implemented with force, will win your battle today.

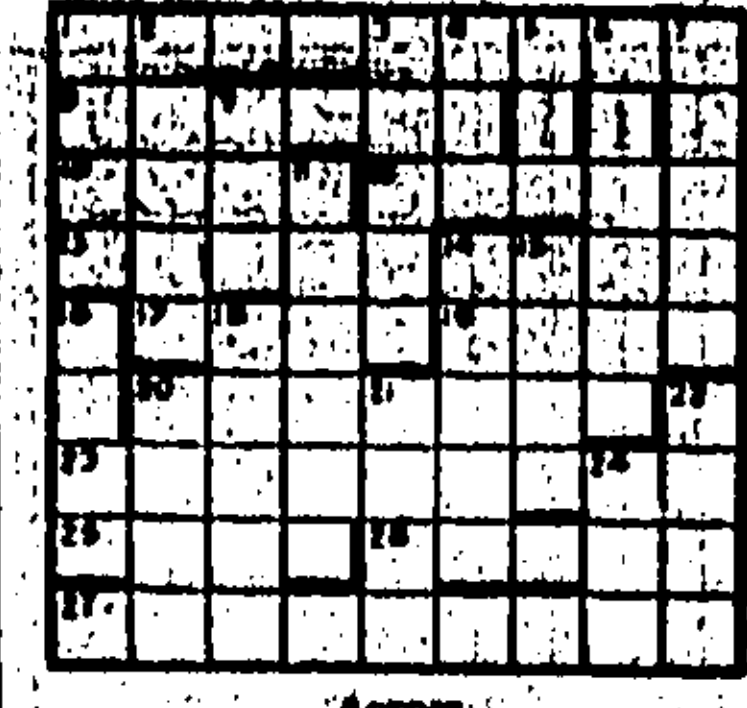
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Be sure that you know exactly where you are going today before you start. Then concentrate your efforts.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—What's her line? PAT SLEIGHTER

Re-arrange the letters to form a sentence.

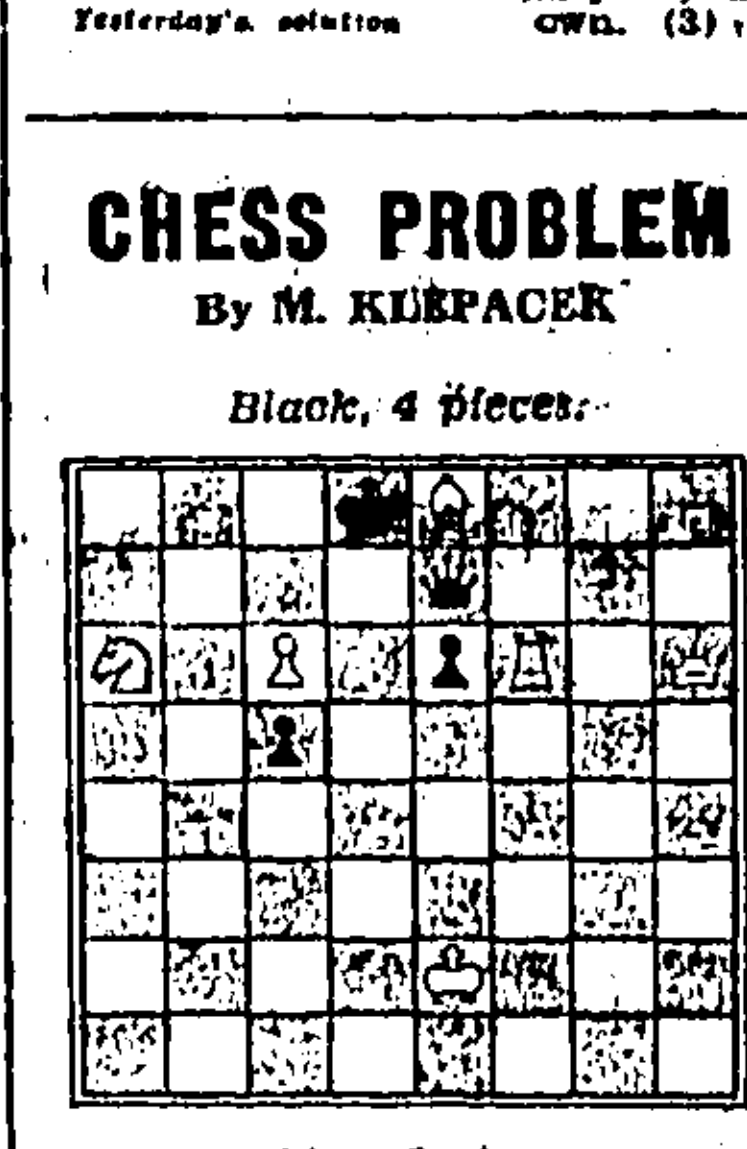
(Solution on Page 10)

## CRONWORTH



1. You can make a long story out of these palatable aphorisms: (4, 5)  
2. He is an epic poet from "Book Land" (6)  
3. Some talk of him to a "Jockey" (7)  
4. Take someone else's property (8)  
5. River of oblivion (9)  
6. Remains of the world will see you down quickly (10)  
7. The end of a ladder (11)  
8. Pages without a quiet passage (12)  
9. Some rug (13)  
10. He is sometimes preceded by a lieutenant (14)  
11. These and two may be drive and drive (15)  
12. Handel's famous (16)  
13. One of the characters won a glorious name (17)  
14. Youngster may be a great room (18)  
15. Orkney, for instance (19)  
16. Draw (20)  
17. Do this low if you don't wait (21)  
18. Goals for rent (22)  
19. Old ones are found along the (23)  
20. Game and this indicates a Wimp (24)  
21. The animals around you (25)  
22. Escape a recent away (26)  
23. Horse on the 22 down road (27)  
24. It flashes across the sky from (28)  
25. Her tale in (29)  
26. In the (30)  
27. Here (31)  
28. Personality (32)  
29. (33)  
30. (34)  
31. (35)  
32. (36)  
33. (37)  
34. (38)  
35. (39)  
36. (40)  
37. (41)  
38. (42)  
39. (43)  
40. (44)  
41. (45)  
42. (46)  
43. (47)  
44. (48)  
45. (49)  
46. (50)

Chess Problem  
By M. KILPACKER  
Black, 4 pieces.  
White, 6 pieces.  
White to play; mate in three.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. Q-K2, unh; 2. Q. R. K1, or P. nites.



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White to play; mate in three.  
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## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Smoke Man's Shocking Friends

—They're the Fast-Moving Electricity Boys—

By MAX TRELL

JOE the Smoke Man came floating up out of the bowl of Father's pipe. He sailed around the room once or twice, staying pretty close to the ceiling, then went upstairs, sliding up the banister until finally he slipped through a keyhole like a thread going through the eye of a needle, then entered the room where Knarf and Hamid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were sitting.

"Why, Joe!" exclaimed Hamid. "What are you doing here? We thought you were on a train trip to Cincinnati, riding in the smoke stack of a locomotive."

Like A Corkscrew

Joe the Smoke Man put down on a chair and crossed his knees. "Five or six times so that his legs looked like a corkscrew." "Sure, I went to Cincinnati," he said. "Then I went to Dubuque in the smoke stack of another locomotive. Then I went to New Orleans, then I went to Miami. Then I went to St. Louis. Then I went to a steamship in the smokestack, of course—up the Mississippi. Anyway, here I am."

"You certainly travel a lot," said Knarf.

"Well," said Joe the Smoke Man, unwinding his legs, and winding them up the other way. "I got around. But I've got some friends who make my travels look like nothing."

"What friends?" asked Knarf.

"Travelling Friends"

"I'll tell you," said Joe the Smoke Man, "but don't get the idea that they're smoke men like I am. They don't bother with smoke stacks and chimneys and pipes. They spend most of their time in wires. They're the Electricity Boys."

## WOMANSENSE

### Colour Adds Charm, Warmth To Simple Or Ornate Setting

THERE is nothing like colour to lend interest, charm and warmth to a room, whether a lavish or simple setting. Colour plays a starring role in a series of handsome display settings geared to good taste.

Traditional pieces, cleverly scaled down to the proportions of today's smaller rooms, are placed in colourful backgrounds with a fine use of accessories. Flashes of its various tones, is brightly used for a living room that is French in flavour. One wall is papered in pink, the other three are painted in a lighter, almost pastel pink. The hooked cotton rug is reminiscent of the delicately coloured Aubusson rugs.

MAHOGANY AND BEIGE

Windows are curtained in a deep, strawberry pink, and against this setting is placed a rather large couch covered in matching pink to blend unobtrusively. Black is the smart necessary colour, used with brass for some pieces. Black leather tops tables and a desk, and is used for the comfortable armchairs.

Another interesting colour scheme is cleverly handled in a living room furnished in mahogany pieces of the eighteenth century, scaled down without loss of their lovely proportions.

The walls are painted in an attractive shade of beige which appears to have a greenish tint. The rug is in matching beige. A bold brown and white print makes the couch upholstery, green and gold fabrics for the fine chair coverings. The windows are interestingly handled, using beige gauze secured at the cornice with big brass medallions.

SOPHISTICATED

Still another living room is done in shades of yellow that go so well with the nice maple pieces, like the others neatly scaled down, and of early American derivation.

Orange walls, a yellow carpet, yellow-gold curtains and chairs done in green and orange tweeds make this a warm, comfortable room.

For more sophisticated, but just as warm in its own way, is a room furnished in French provincial pieces of walnut. Red

### Suggestions for Evening Out



FOR a party or a dance in these still chilly evenings Rix suggests this warmth-plus-glamour outfit.

1. Choker.
2. Earrings.
3. Bracelet.
4. Ballerina length shot taffeta party frock inset with
5. Braided black velvet—jet buttons.
6. Bronzed kid evening sandal.
7. Washable rayon—fur fabric stole—lined art silk—white or brown.

### Women steal man's shirt; dress it up

New York.

The women have stolen the shirt right off the man's back. But for spring and summer, it's a shirt the men wouldn't recognise. In some cases, it's formal enough for evening wear.

In the last few months, blouses tailored like a man's shirt have been popular. Now, designer Halite Carnegie has gone even further. She has refined the shirt, but not even bothered to tuck in its tail.

She calls the result the shirt-cardigan. Sometimes the collar is modified for a softer effect than a man's collar gives. Sometimes the sleeves are loose instead of cuffed. But the shirt up the side are the same, and the general fit is the same as that of a man's shirt.

One of the shirts is a light-weight wrap of soft pink boucle knit, worn over a slim-cut day-time silk dress of perennium red. Some of the shirts are in figured silks, to wear with dresses of the same fabric or with co-ordinated solid colours. Some shirts are in solid colour, light weight wools. One of the fanciest is of deep pink peau de soie, with jewelled cuffs, for use as a spring and summer evening wrap.—United Press.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To keep lettuce leaves from turning brown, wrap the head in a paper towel before putting it in the crisping pan of the refrigerator.

To clean leather sweat bands in men's hats, turn the band out from the hat and scrub with a soapy brush, rinse with a cloth wrung out in clear water, and dry.

Use hot milk to make mashed potatoes smooth and fluffy. Add the milk gradually.

Use a sponge to apply liquid floor wax. You'll find the sponge spreads the wax readily and you also can get at the corners better.

Save empty lipstuck tubes for holding bottle pins and needles.

To make baking sheets easier to clean, grease only the spots to be used, instead of greasing the entire sheet.

You can mash cloves of garlic without getting the odour on your hands. Place the clove between a couple of pieces of waxed paper, and mash with your thumb. You'll find the handle of a knife.

## SURE SIGN OF SPRING



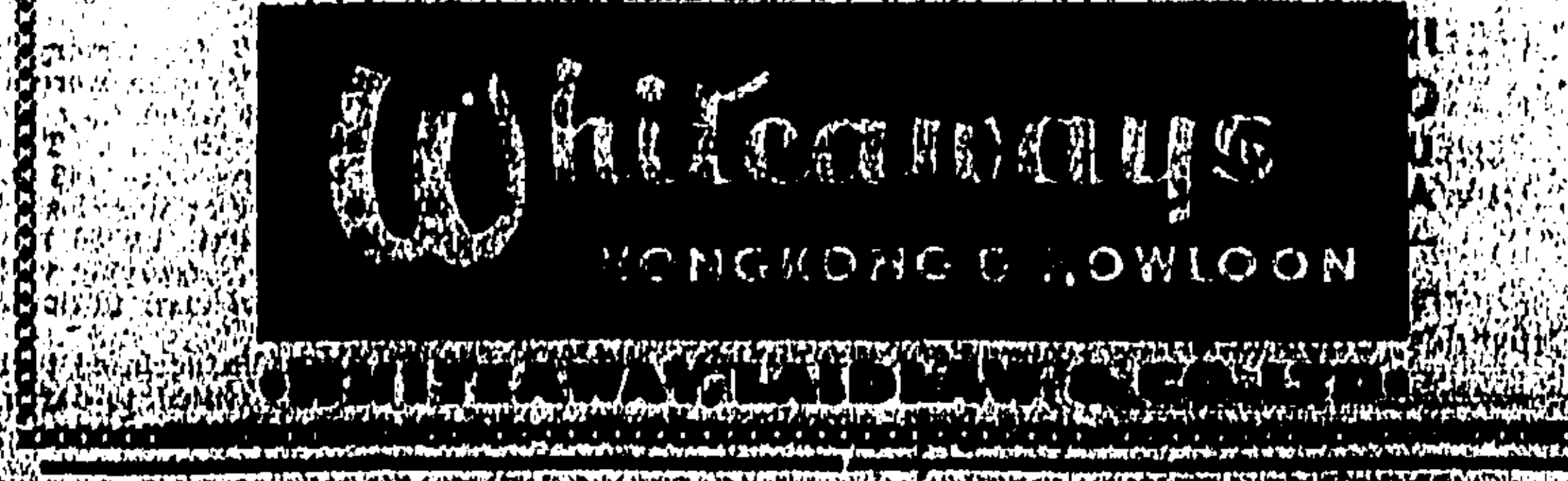
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# ARSENAL GIVE ENGLAND A WORLD CUP POINTER

## Directness And Method Beat Brazilian First Division Team 7 Goals To 1

By DENNIS HART

Since November 25 England's most discussed malady has been the condition of her soccer. On that day Hungary humbled the pride of England by 6-3, the first non-British side to come to England and conquer.

So the cry was raised "What's wrong with English soccer?" The answers were many. Indeed few people didn't have a solution.

But at Highbury on February 20 Arsenal provided the best, and in the most convincing fashion. Beating the Brazilian First Division side, Portuguesa de Desportos 7-1 they showed that basic English soccer is all right.

The Brazilians delighted the 44,000 fans with exquisite ball control. But how they must have longed for Arsenal's directness and a Cliff Holton.

The teaming Arsenal centre forward is not the faintest of players but what power in pace.

### ALMOST BURST THE NET

Via head and feet he put the ball past goal-keeper Padua Mello five times. On one occasion it went in with rocket-like speed. His fourth almost burst the net.

And, despite all that ball juggling, the Brazilian heart anyone to make Jimmy Long, Arsenal's little Scottish midfielder.

Just one swerve would throw the whole Desportos defence off balance, an immediate pass—

long cross or a gentle tap into the open space—and the damage was complete.

Here was another striking difference. Violent, the Desportos inside-right, could also work the ball in. Logic fashion, but ruined his work by a weak final pass.

Allowances, of course, must be made for the conditions. Brazilian pitches are bone hard—the Highbury surface was damp. But the going was by no means really heavy, and beating Watford 5-2 two days later the Brazilians showed that they can shine on English grounds.

Does then Arsenal's victory foreshadow an English soccer revival? It could do, if the lesson is heeded. The lesson is that to emulate Arsenal, England must adopt their approach. Indeed the approach of all the top English clubs, and of many national sides—to play to a definite style.

### PULLED TOGETHER

Arsenal won 7-1 not so much because individually their players were so superior, but because, like the trained tug-of-war team, they all pulled together.

How different with the English side. They play like a scratch eleven. And no wonder. They're only called together a couple of days before the match. Shouldn't good footballers be able to fit into each other's style? They should, but with eleven different players it's 100 to 1 against the best methods emerging by chance.

It's fitting that this lesson should be brought home by Arsenal. They, more than any, have been the pioneers of style, from the formation of the third back game to attacks based on fast raiding wingers. Look how successful they've been.

For style means nothing more than getting the best out of each player. Take Don Roper, for example, their outside-left. Don, with his cumbersome movements, is few people's idea of a winger. At Highbury, however, the tactics are changed to give scope to his strong points like his fierce shooting.

As a result, he scored five goals in one match last season, against Scottish champions Hibernian.

### CAN'T AFFORD TO

With the World Cup just round the corner, the FA cannot afford to ignore the lesson. The material is there to make a great English side. It merely needs blending.

Talking of the World Cup, a problem to which the FIFA might devote considerable attention concerns different interpretation of the rules.

Two were abundantly clear at Highbury. Desportos goalkeeper Padua Mello was obviously disconcerted by Holton's harrying. The Arsenal players, equally put out by the Brazilian obstruction methods.

Both are tactics the game could well do without.

(London Express Service)

## Colony Tennis Championships

An exhibition of sizzling tennis was seen at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday when V. T. Wang and E. Saubolle met Lee Wai-tung and S. W. Wong in the semi-finals of the Colony Doubles Grasscourt Tennis Championships yesterday.

Although Wang and Saubolle proved themselves the better team, and overcame their opponents to enter the finals by 7-5, 6-3, 6-3, Lee and Wong put up a good fight which at times had the victors worried.

### THE RESULTS

Colony Doubles.—V. T. Wang and E. Saubolle beat Lee Wai-tung and S. W. Wong, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3. Club Singles.—P. L. Holmes beat W. Widmer, 6-1, 6-1. P. Pritchard and H. R. Hubbell beat D. L. T. Musson and C. Crowe, 6-0, 6-1. A. Hurbatt and B. I. Bickford beat J. P. Walsh and D. F. O'Reilly, 6-0, 6-1. B. B. B. and E. Fisher, 6-2, 7-5. A. Ashcroft and T. J. Gould beat B. Gittinger and E. Allonach, 6-1, 6-2. A. Club Singles match between J. A. Bendall and A. P. Weir was postponed.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Court 1.—K. H. Lee v. E. Tai v. K. C. Australia today. Court 2.—T. Gould/Mrs. J. Kite v. N. Cooke/Mrs. F. Fetter; Court 3.—W. Smith/Hubbell/Barnes/Storv v. Widmer/Hill; Court 4.—J. Moore/Cavert/Smartz/Zulaut v. Walsh/Mayne; Court 5.—C. B. B. v. Williams/Hopkins; Court 6.—Kite/Mrs. R. R. Todd v. Mr and Mrs Crowe; Court 7.—A. Ashcroft/Mrs. Fisher v. Mr and Mrs Musson; Court 8.—Mr and Mrs Prophet v. Walker/Mrs. Albrow.

## NSW Wins The Sheffield Shield

Adelaide, Mar. 2. Victoria draw their final Sheffield Shield match with South Australia today.

New South Wales are now definite Shield champions, Victoria having lost the chance they had in this match of drawing level with their rivals.

Set to get 220 for victory in 179 minutes, Victoria were in danger of defeat when they lost 400 for 10 in the 70th minute. They held out to draw with 146 for six on the board at the close.

Victoria had led by 86 runs on first innings, replying with 401 for seven declared to South Australia's 318.

South Australia declared their second innings closed to-day at 350 for nine.

## REMEMBER HIM?



Lt. M. N. S. McCord, whom track enthusiasts in Hongkong will remember for his many great duels with Joe MacMahon over the Half Mile and Mile, receives from Brig. A. B. Barton, OBE, MC, the Eastern Command Inter-Unit Cross Country Championship Cup.

Lt. McCord was captain of the winning 1st Battalion, Royal Ulster Rifles, team in this event at Colchester.

## C.B. FRY Says

# Rugby Is The Least Spoiled Of All Our Field Games

By DESMOND HACKETT

When the voice of C. B. Fry, that monocol Beau Brummel athlete, that gifted Corinthian who left a glowing catalogue of achievement, is raised on such matters as sport then the immediate effect should be respectful attention.

We expect a fine accolade of praise for Soccer, for he played the game for Oxford, the Corinthians, and Southampton, and took an FA Cup Final and two international in his stride.

But no. He speaks to the Middlesex Hospital students thus: "Rugby is the least spoiled of all our field games. I liked Rugby, and even today consider it a better game than Soccer."

He submits this gentle rebuke to Rugby: "Defensive play has improved since my day... this improvement has rather been at the expense of the open free-running threequarter game, and has led to too much sideways running and consequent jamming of the wingman on the technique."

### FADING

This brief wisdom is what experts have been trying to impress since the war—that Rugby as a spectacle is a fading attraction.

What a joy it must have been to play Soccer in the 'eighties when C. B. Fry was an eager schoolboy.

He enthuses: "The lay-out was seven forwards all chasing the ball in a flock, no forward pressing, and a plethora of very clever dribbling."

"You have no idea what a jam-boree the old seven-forward game provided. The Old Etonians, the Royal Engineers, Old Westminster, and Carthusians played very heavy football."

The glorious abandon of this game is summed up in stories recalled by C. B. Fry:

"An eminent Engineer, Major Marindin, was once told by Lady Kinnaird, mother of the Hon. Arthur: 'Major, I do not like this football. I am sure Arthur will come home one day with a broken leg.'"

"The major replied: 'Never mind, madam, it won't be his own.'"

### HACKING

In another match the Old Harrovian captain C. W. Alcock, shouted to Kinnaird: "Arthur, is it to be hacking and tripping or is it not?"

And the answer in high tenor was: "Hacking and tripping by all means."

The man who has seen it all insists: "The early pro clubs were very strong. I doubt if even the Hungarians would have beaten the old Preston North End, or the earlier Sunderland, Everton, and Aston Villa."

"And in their peak period the Corinthians of the 'eighties and nineties could play Preston North End on equal terms."

Then there is the final, impatient hitting out at the new decline and fall of Soccer in his declaration:

"Since the new offside rule came into Soccer we have had a multiplication of managers, coaches' rules, regulations, and boloney."

"The game is not so fine as in the 'eighties and nineties, less intelligible to the eye."

"The modern goalkeeper is coddled by protective rules. There are too many precautionary rules because the club-value of the player is so high in cash."

(London Express Service)

## S. Africans To Play 31 Games On England Tour

Johannesburg, Mar. 2. The South African cricket team to visit Britain in 1955 will play 31 games, including five Tests, between May 7 and September 10.

The team will leave Johannesburg by air about April 25 and return home about September 17.

Tests will be held at Nottingham from June 9 to June 14; at Lord's from June 23 to June 28; at Old Trafford from July 7 to July 12; at Leeds from July 21 to July 26; and at the Oval from August 13 to 18.—S. C. M. Post Special.

## TULI LISTED AS TOP CONTENDER

New York, Mar. 2. Jake Tuli, South Africa, was listed as top contender for Yoshio Shirai's world's flyweight boxing title by the American magazine, the Ring, in its monthly rankings published today.

Tanny Campos, Philippines, was placed second, followed by another Filipino, Leo Espinosa. Next came Terry Allen, England; Louis Skena, France; Eric Marsden, England; Young Martin, Spain; Dal Dover, Wales; Charles Bobbot, West Africa; and Nazario, Glanelli, Italy. — Reuter.

## Attempts On Colony Long Jump And Shot Put Records

The Hongkong University Athletic Club has consented to two special invitational events in connection with the University Sports at Pokfulam on Saturday.

The University's new famous long jump pit will see an attempt at the first 22-foot leap in the history of the HKAAA.

In the field will be To King-chau, the Colony record holder at 21 feet 11½ inches, Ng Chuan-wai, the University Champion and winner of the last two HKAAA open events, Chue Ming, the Novices' Champion, who has done 21 feet 6 inches, Stephen S. Xavier, who jumped 21 feet 1½ inches at Boundary Street yesterday, and near 21-footers George Thumb and Shek Wai-man.

Also staged will be an invitational Shot Put event with the competitors being Chan Wai-chun, who recently did 40 feet 8 inches, 2/Lt. Herron, of 32 Med. Regt. RA, who recently did 40 feet 11 inches, and L/Bdr. Bartram of 72 LAA Regt., whose best is over 37 feet. The official Colony record is held at 40 feet 9 inches by L. J. F. Greer.

Chan Wai-chun has recently been polishing up his technique under the guidance of Mr. G. B. Gurevich, who reports that he is going over 42 feet with very nearly every put.

There will also be an Open Mile race at the University Sports and an Inter-School Relay.

### SCHOOL SPORTS

A heavy programme of school athletic meetings is scheduled for this week commencing this afternoon when St. Paul's College hold their trials at Caroline Hill.

Tomorrow, commencing at 1 p.m. King's College will hold their Annual Athletic Meeting on the University Ground at Pokfulam, and the Canton Road Police School will have their first annual sports at Boundary Street starting at 9 a.m.

On Friday, the finals of the St. Paul's College sports will be run at Caroline Hill and at the conclusion, Mrs. George She will present the prizes to the successful competitors.

On Saturday, at King George V, the school annual sports will take place. Parents and friends are cordially invited and a special event for past pupils—men and women—have been arranged to take place at about 5 p.m.

Air Commodore R. C. Field has kindly consented to present the prizes at the conclusion of the meet.

Also on Saturday at 2 p.m., the Hongkong University Athletic Club's Annual Meet will take place on the H.K.U. ground, and at Stanley St. Stephen's College, will hold their annual sports commencing at 1.30 p.m.

### LA SALLE SPORTS

Ten La Salle College records were broken and one tied in their 12th athletic meeting at the Army Ground, Boundary Street, yesterday.

Half of these records were broken in the senior events, while two fell in the B Grade, and the other three in the C Grade.

Form 4B became this year's Class Champions in A Grade. This was partly due to the fine performance of Stephen Xavier and Lee Shu-chung, both of whom tied with 9 points each for the Victor Ludorum in the A Grade.

Form 1B became Class Champions in B Grade, while Primary 6B were Class Champions in C Grade.

B Grade Victor Ludorum was Chow Kai-yuen of Form 3A, while there was another tie for the Victor Ludorum in the C Grade between Ng Hon-wah and Cecil Chan.

### CLEAN SWEEP

In the Senior Grade, Lee Shu-chung made a clean sweep of the middle distance events, setting new records for the 400 and 800 metres. Lee also won the 1,500 metres.

Stephen Xavier, although winning the 100 and 200 metres, did not exert himself yesterday and the times he returned for these two events were not outstanding. He, however, broke the School record in the Long jump, when he jumped to a new distance of 21 feet 1½ inches, about one foot over the existing record.

## England Win Third Test At Georgetown

Georgetown, Mar. 2. England won the third Test match against the West Indies by nine wickets today.

The West Indies were all out in their second innings for 250, so leaving England to score 73 for victory.

For an hour, the overnight batsmen, Gomez and Atkinson, withstood a varied attack and added 40 runs, but then Wardle got rid of Atkinson to claim his first wicket of the present Test series.

He also had Gomez caught for a fighting 35, and after Statham had cleared bowled Ramadhin, the innings was finished off by Wardle, who thus played a notable part with his left-hand off-spins which caused the collapse of the home side.

England went for quick runs and scored 75 for one in 63 minutes for victory.

Tom Graveney and Peter May, who opened, hit 118 in five minutes, when May was bowled, Atkinson, a batsman anxious to finish the match, and when the total was 60 and the crowd calling for a six to finish, Watson obliged.

England started today in contrast to some performances of late, with the batsmen anxious for runs so much so that the first overs from Gomez and Atkinson each brought nine runs, and England had scored 18 in five minutes.

Atkinson then changed his bowling to offbreaks and was amazingly successful as he bowled May.

### FINAL SCORES

England, 1st Innings 435.  
West Indies, 1st Innings 261.  
West Indies, 2nd Innings 250.

Holt, b. Lock ..... 44  
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Worrell, c. Evans, b. Statham ..... 2  
Weekes, c. Graveney, b. Bailey ..... 30  
Walcott, b. b. Lock ..... 20  
Christians, b. Bailey ..... 11  
Gomez, c. Graveney, b. Wardle ..... 35  
Atkinson, b. Wardle ..... 10  
C. McWatt, not out ..... 9  
B. Ramadhin, b. Statham ..... 1  
A. Valentine, b. Wardle ..... 0  
Extras ..... 8  
Total ..... 250

Wickets fell at 1/70, 3/90, 5/120, 6/150, 8/200, 9/240, 9/240 and 9/251.

### England, 2nd Innings

T. Graveney, not out ..... 33  
Peter May, b. Atkinson ..... 12  
W. Watson, not out ..... 27  
Extras ..... 3  
Total (for one wicket) ..... 75

—Reuter.

## Australia Plans To Send 50 To Empire Games

Sydney, Mar. 3. The Australian British Empire Games Association will try to raise £20,000 to send 50 athletes to Vancouver for the next Games in July.

Announcing this last night, an Association spokesman said the Government and amateur sporting bodies would be asked to help.—China Mail Special.

## CZECHS MAY SOON ENTER DAVIS CUP TOURNAMENT

Stockholm, Sweden, Mar. 2.

Czechoslovakia may soon enter the Davis Cup tournament, the country's star lawn tennis and hockey player, Vladimir Zabrudsky predicted here.

The Czechs, quit playing in the Davis Cup competition after their two star players—Jiroslav Drobny and Vladimir Cernik—"jumped off" during a tourney west of the Lon Curtan.

Zabrudsky, here to take part in the 1954 World Ice Hockey Championships, was a reserve

in the country's national lawn tennis team then, but now he reports that Czechoslovakia has developed several promising players in the last few years.

"I lost the Czech national title last year, after holding it for three years," Zabrudsky said, "but I still rank as the nation's Number One player."

He refused to compare the best Czech players with the West's leading lawn tennis players, but pointed out that the Czech newcomers are improving rapidly.

### LONG WAY TO GO

Zabrudsky, one of the few foreigners to play tennis in Moscow, said that Russian players still have a long way to go before they can challenge the best Westerners.

"The best Russians are about 40 years of age," Zabrudsky said. "I played some of them in exhibition games in Moscow, and I know that it will be some time before they can catch up with the best foreigners."—United Press.

### KCC CRICKET

The KCC 1st and 2nd elevens will meet in a friendly intracup match at Cox's Road on Saturday.

The teams will be:  
1st XI—A. Zimmermann, A. T. Lee, R. E. Lee, S. V. Gittins, P. Hall, B. C. N. Carnell, R. Jenner, W. M. Davidson, H. Chamberlain, D. Coffey and P. Wood.

2nd XI—A. P. Weir, W. J. B. Lewis, L. G. Heron, A. J. Catley, J. Marshall, K. Lo, R. Maddox, N. Hari Baker, S. J. Boycott, R. F. Apps, and C. M. Gullford.  
Scorer: Mrs. Chamberlain.

### WARM-UP FOR CARRUTHERS

Sydney, Mar. 2. Jimmy Carruthers, Australia's World Bantamweight Champion, will meet Bobby Sinn, who holds the Australian title, in a non-title bout at eight stone eight pounds here on March 29. It was announced tonight.

The fight will be a warm-up for Carruthers' defence of his title against Chamorro's Sonakirai, of Thailand, in Bangkok on May 2.

Two non-title bouts which Carruthers was to have had in Japan are now understood to have been cancelled.

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## LATEST SEDGMAN



Mrs. Frank Sedgman, wife of the famous Australian tennis star now touring with a professional team in the United States, pictured with her baby daughter, Roxanne, recently born in Melbourne.—Central Press Photo.

## What Is Wrong With Soccer?

By ROLAND ALLEN

Why is British soccer no longer the best in the world? A conference of Football League managers has been called to discuss the recent startling victory of Hungary over England at Wembley; this jury, however, are the chief suspects.

League clubs are so obsessed with Cups and points and up-and-downs that international football has been relegated to second place. The intensity of League and Cup scrambling has knocked a lot of the style out of English and Scottish football.

The first object, it seems, now is to avoid being beaten. Rather than go all out to win, wing forwards and even leaders of attack are brought back into defence. Goals are not created; the majority are snatched from the other side's mistakes. For all that, the League clubs are largely responsible.

I believe this state of mind is a bigger factor than the greater technical efficiency many of the foreign countries have achieved. It also will be more difficult to get rid of.

On the technical side, the foreign players have become more accomplished, more accurate and quicker in anticipation than the current English or Scots.

They are craftsmen who have been made, by coaching and intensive practice, highly efficient in the skills of what really is a simple game. These skills are trapping, dribbling, passing, controlled kicking, selling the dummy, shooting at goal and the effective blending of all these talents.

It may reasonably be asked why British players cannot also achieve the complete ball-control and slide-rule accuracy of the foreigners. They can, with practice, patience and perseverance. The younger professionals, especially, must dedicate themselves to the game. They will not do this on the present two-hours-a-day training schedules.

**COMPLETELY MASTER**  
Stanley Matthews, the world master of soccer, has spent a lot of his spare time practising until he is completely master of the ball.

He is a creative genius; that is something which cannot be taught or acquired. But even a genius must be efficient. The two essentials in the football of Matthews are his accuracy and the way in which he manages to blend with ordinary footballers.

In contrast, inaccuracy is the worst technical fault in present-day English football at all levels. It can be eliminated if the clubs insist upon simple efficiency.

I know of only one English League club which has a first-team coach. In most cases this vital job is done by the manager or the trainer.

The boys of seventeen, whose sudden emergence into League sides makes headlines, should nearly all still be learning their jobs. It used to be reckoned that it took roughly five years to teach them.

These clubs must, therefore, give more time to ball-training and less to mere speed. Recognising that professional football is a full-time job, they must insist that the players give their whole time to it. If the club is not serious, intelligent, there is nothing the manager can do. At Wembley, the last of our players could not do

Then the clubs must give every facility to the FA, to take their players and weld them into a team. In two years before they beat England the Hungarians had played—unbeaten—twenty-six international matches, and had made hardly any changes in their team. England had played about half as many and had rarely had the same team, or even the same forward-line, twice in succession.

**EXCEPTIONS**  
There are, of course, exceptions to these general observations, but too few of them.

West Bromwich Albion now lead the English First Division; it is not just a coincidence that their recently appointed manager, Mr. Victor Buckingham, was the first professional coach of Pegasus, the team of Oxford and Cambridge University Blues.

For the most striking progress in relative standards of soccer since the war has been made by the Universities. Linked with this have been really astonishing results achieved from the FA Schools Weeks, organised on the lines of MCC Schools Weeks at Lords.

I have twice seen, at these weeks, how boys from public and grammar schools have arrived in the crude state and gone away with quite a sound grounding in the basic essentials of soccer.

In contrast with the men who played pure and delightfully old-fashioned football, in the 1953 University match, these boys have been keenly receptive to coaching. Here, I believe, are a lesson and a pattern for professional managers.

If the Universities, and the schools which feed them, have achieved so much in so short a time, surely it is reasonable to assert that, with all the time at their disposal, the League people can restore British soccer to its old supremacy.

All the facilities for first-class coaching are available. There is an abundance of raw material.

Football is a team game, but it starts with the individual. I believe a sufficient number of players are eager to reach a higher level of efficiency.

What is most needed, however, is a change in outlook, to make it possible for them to do so. That must come from the clubs.

### CLUB "B" XV

The following have been selected to represent the Club "B" XV to meet 79 Coy. RASC Water Transport in a rugby match on the Club ground this afternoon, kick off at 5.15 p.m.

Taylor, Dick, Inglis, Spencer, Blair, Roberts, Cole, Ball, Flann, Kilgiver, Runkle, Minto, Douglas, Ansell, Lavery. Club players not selected are also asked to attend as spectators.

## PRESENT CLASSIC PRICES PROTECT THE BOOKMAKER

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

The latest list of prices for the classic races appear to have been designed to protect the bookmaker as much as to attract business, and it is obvious that the breeding of horses has been given more than usual thought.

Thus Royal Challenger (by Royal Charger), 7-1 favourite for the 2,000 Guineas (April 28), is twice that price for the Derby (June 2). If Royal Challenger wins the Guineas he must be among the Derby favourites—if not the actual favourite.

For the purposes of hedging, which can be the only excuse for a bet at this stage, his Derby price offers far more scope. If one thinks he is an assured Guineas winner, I do not see how any prices can be issued on the classic races leaving out Monmouth Express from both races and Blue Sail from the Derby.

They have been omitted so that backers will not be losers if they do not run. But if they do happen to run and win there will be a clean sweep for the ante-post book.

Personally, I think they will run—even if P. J. Prendergast does not get his licence restored.

**DARIUS'S PRICE**  
Prendergast can insist that they go elsewhere and are trained for the races. The owners are not likely to ignore his advice.

Certainly Mr. Max Bell will want to have a run for his money in the English Derby after paying £10,000 for Blue Sail.

Darius, one of the leading two-year-olds last season, is another who can be backed at almost double the 2,000 Guineas price in the Derby. At present it is hard to find horses in the elite classes which will show profitable hedging.

It is an insult to our fillies that the French-trained Cordova II is favourite for both the 1,000 Guineas (April 30) and the Oaks (June 4).

She came to England twice and Sybil's Niece finished two lengths in front of her at Ascot and four lengths in front of her at Newmarket in October.

### NO JUSTIFICATION

Excuses were made for Cordova II that she has never shown her true form in England. That is correct but she may be one of those who never do. There can be no justification for Sybil's Niece being at three points the longer odds.

There were so many fillies last season who had been lightly reed and then showed

form in the autumn. Any one of these could make the necessary improvement to become the classic candidate.

It would not surprise me if the form of last year's fillies is turned upside down within the first month of the coming season.

—(London Express Service)

## FANLING GOLF

F. R. Zimmerman (87-18=nett 68) and F. L. Leigh-Bennett (81-12=nett 69) were the February Qualifiers for the Stanley Mid-week Cup. J. McCausland (78-13=nett 65) was registered as a Qualifier for January together with W. Van Alst. There will be only one Qualifier for this Cup in March.

N. P. Downie won the Bogey competition played over the Old Course during the weekend with a return of two down, D. L. Anderson being second with three down.

The competition on the New Course resulted in a tie between E. L. Green and W. Stoker, both returning cards showing two down.

The March Qualifying Round for the Captain's Cup will be played over the Old Course on Saturday and Sunday and a Four-ball against Bogey competition will take place on the same course during the afternoon, entries being made in the Club register.

### LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

The Ladies' Championship will be played over both Courses to-morrow. The first Tee, Old Course being reserved from 9 a.m. to 9.50 a.m. and the first Tee New Course from 1.30 p.m. to 2.20 p.m. The closing date for receipt of entries in the Hongkong versus Kowloon match competition is March 7 and players are advised that arrangements are being made for ladies to play on the Club course to be held on the 14th in the Club House.

### DEEP WATER BAY GOLF

Revised starting list are being prepared for Deep Water Bay "new" or "old" couples are asked to place their names in block letters opposite to the place indicating their turn and not at the top of the list as they did previously when there were more "old" or "new" couples waiting their turn to play.

## Sir Ken Wins Champion Hurdle Challenge Cup

Mr. Maurice Kingsley's Sir Ken won a great race for the Champion Hurdle Challenge Cup over two miles today.

Sir Ken, who won the event for the third successive year, started odds-on favourite at four to one.

He has ridden him on each occasion, had to ride his hardest today to overcome Impey, a nine to one chance, who led over the last hurdle. Sir Ken, who had been last in the early stages, gradually made up ground and forced ahead to beat Impey by a length.

The Irish challenger, Galathea, a ten to one chance, and second last year, was third, another three lengths away in a field of 13.

Sir Ken thus equalled the record of Hutton's Grace, the only other horse to win this Hurdles Championship for three years running since its institution in 1927.—Reuter.

## JON HENRICKS' ATTEMPT ON RECORD FAILS

Brisbane, Mar. 2.—Jon Henricks, 18, the fastest sprint swimmer produced by Australia, failed tonight in his bid to better the world record for 100 metres freestyle.

He clocked 56.7 seconds, compared with the 56.4 seconds set by the American, Alan Webb, in 1948.

## TOMMY ATKINS'

## Army Sports Parade

This has been a grand week for Army sports and sportsmen. Not since this column started almost six months ago has there been such an imposing list of contenders for the spot of honour at the top of the parade. I have considered all the possibilities and while I think my selection may be a surprise one I am sure that it will be a popular one.

At the top of the Parade is Capt. C. R. Lord, the REME officer, who by his infectious enthusiasm has inspired first the birth and then the growth of the New Territories Army Cycling Association. From a humble beginning the Association has grown to be one of the most active groups in the Colony and much of the credit for the success of its work must be given to its most active and able Secretary.

Captain Lord has also given up a great deal of his time to the development of the REME Cycling Club and this body, as has been shown by its achievements in competitions, has also derived much benefit from his efforts. He is an active member of this team and he can be seen regularly in strenuous training on the roads in the north of the Territories.

Congratulations to the Army rugby team on winning the Pentagonal Tournament. The team has had its difficult times this season but by dogged consistency rather than brilliance it has gone on to win the Colony's premier honour. At one time it was felt that the departure of Gerrard would prejudice the chances of success but the team has maintained a steady standard and few will grudge them their narrow victory.

### TOO MUCH FOOTBALL

One of the most difficult jobs in running a team is to decide when to drop a man who is suffering a lapse of form. This problem faced the Army soccer officials during the week after the team had been surprisingly beaten by Sing Tao.

It was obvious to those who saw the game that several of the players were suffering from too much football and that the calls of unit and regimental games had taken the sparkle out of their play. This must have been a real headache to the officials for they were listed to play in their most important game of the reason on Sunday.

The temptation to give the experienced men just another chance to regain lost form must have been very great, but the decision to omit regular players like Chase, Middleton and Wingfield and bring in Higgins (14th. Fd. Regt. RA), Doyle (King's Regt) and Thomas (7 R. Tanks) paid a handsome dividend as the side came right back to top form to defeat Sing Tao. It was Doyle who scored the winning goal with only seconds left to play.

Army hockey enthusiasts have next Sunday afternoon heavily underlined in their diaries for that is the day when the Army 'A' and 'B' sides meet in their return 1st Division game at Sookumpoo.

In the first meeting the 'A' team proved too strong and too clever for their soldier colleagues but after the match there was a sort of 'wait-til-the-next-time' attitude among the defeated 'B' boys.

This is their big chance to turn the tables on their conquerors, but they may again find the task beyond them. However, this will be a fine game and will no doubt attract a big crowd of Army hockey fans.

### BIG SURPRISE

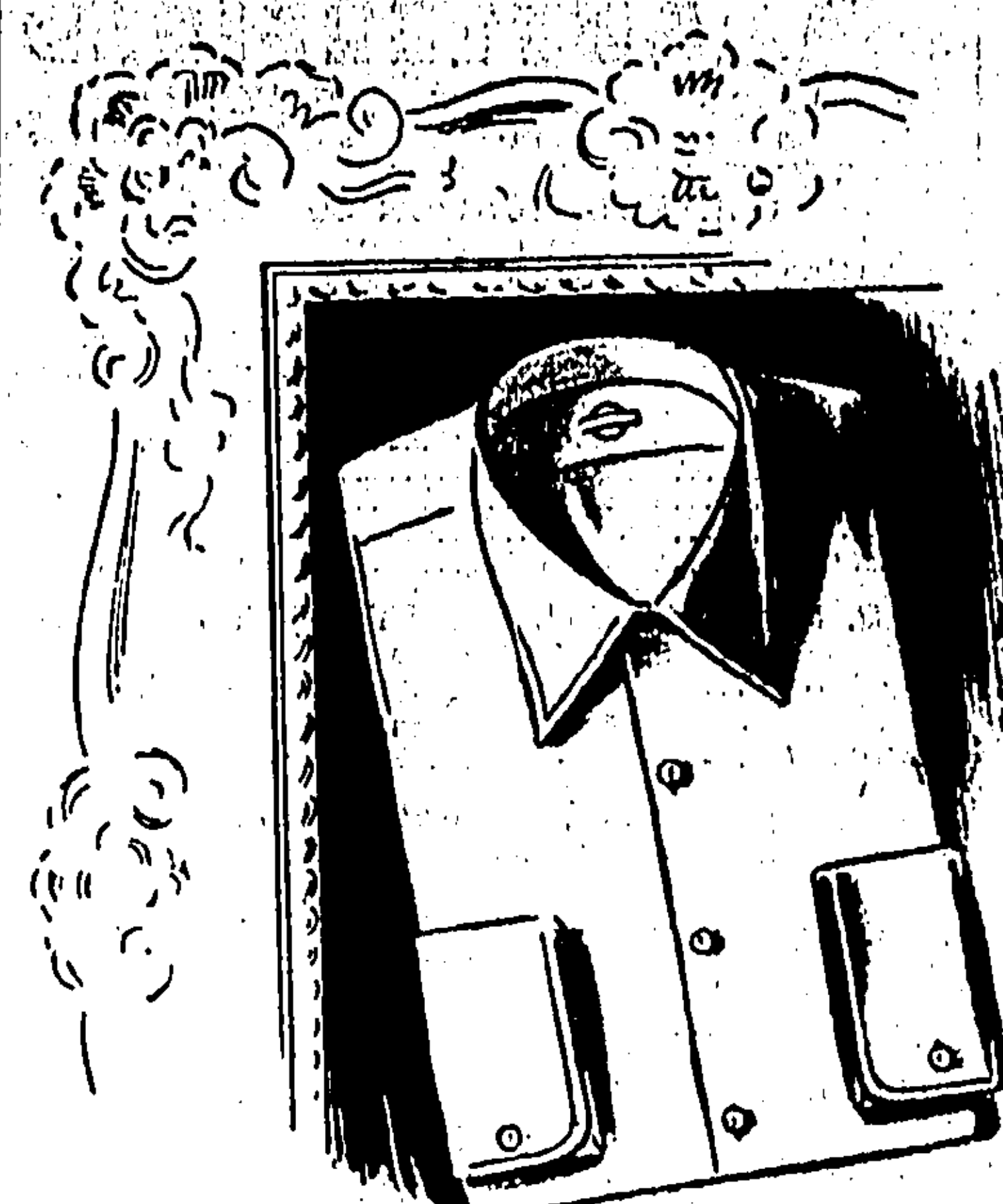
The defeat of the Army 'A' cricket team on Saturday at the hands of KCC came as a big surprise. The side has played consistently well all season but, even allowing for the injury to wicketkeeper Do Cruz, they never really settled down at the Cox's Road Ground and were beaten by a team that showed refreshing enterprise at the wicket and determination with the ball.

The final of the Land Forces Team Boxing Championships will now take place at HQ, 27 B.C., on Tuesday, March 9, at 2.30 p.m. This new venue and date will not reduce the excitement a little bit and there will be a big crowd to see the Dorset and the King's Regiments in opposition.

The band of the Welch Regiment will be in attendance during the afternoon. The winning team will sail for Singapore aboard the "Empire Trooper" March 12 to take part in the FARELE Championships.

The Land Forces Inter-Unit Hockey Championships have now reached an advanced stage and the final of the competition proper have been drawn as follows:

1st. Dorset vs. 3rd Gen. Hospital. 2nd. Dorset vs. 3rd Gen. Hospital. 3rd. Dorset vs. 3rd Gen. Hospital. 4th. Dorset vs. 3rd Gen. Hospital. 5th. Dorset vs. 3rd Gen. Hospital. 6th. Dorset vs. 3rd Gen. Hospital. 7th. Dorset vs. 3rd Gen. Hospital. 8th. Dorset vs. 3rd Gen. Hospital. 9th. Dorset vs. 3rd Gen. Hospital. 10th. Dorset vs. 3rd Gen. Hospital.



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The Programme will consist of 10 races, including the First Race of the First Day of the 8th Race Meeting held on 27th February, 1954, the Windy Gap Handicap (1st Section), which has been declared void by the Stewards and which will be run as Race 1(A) on Saturday, 6th March, 1954, at 1.30 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.00 p.m. and the First Race run at 1.30 p.m.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.15 a.m.

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### CASH SWEEPS

The Draw which took place on Saturday, 27th February, 1954, for the Cash Sweep on the First Race of the First Day has been declared void.

Through Tickets for both days of the Meeting and for which Vouchers have been issued up to the Number 389, will participate in Race 1(A), the Windy Gap Handicap (1st Section) to be run on 6th March, 1954, at 1.30 p.m.

All other tickets over Number 389 on the 1st race of the 1st Day which has been declared void, are cancelled and money will be refunded on presentation of the tickets.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the 2nd Day (8th March) at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Almeida Street and 382 Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 10.30 a.m. on that day.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the Board Room of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Alexandra House, 8th Floor, on Tuesday 23rd March 1954, at 5.30 p.m. to receive the Report of the Committee for the year ended 31st December 1953, and to approve the Accounts and to transact such other business as may be necessary according to the Constitution of the Society.

By Order of the Executive Committee,

(Mrs.) I. M. HALLIGAN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1954.

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## More East-West Trade Will Help Tramp Ships

Expanded trading prospects in various grain exporting areas, added to a phase of activity in miscellaneous cargoes, have hastened the momentum of the freight market's recovery, said the London Journal of Commerce in a recent editorial.

Shipowners have been able to consolidate their tactical advantage through the trading interest being concentrated on the early loading positions, for which there is a growing stringency, the editorial said.

The shortage of tonnage is due not so much to the volume of recent cargo trade, but to the patchy nature of business over the past few months, which brought about an uneven distribution of shipping.

Looking ahead, the opinion may be ventured that conditions are rather more promising now than they have been for some time.

A noticeable feature in recent days has been the broadening of the East-West trading pattern, which has for so long presented an austere appearance because of strained political relations.

## RECIPROCAL BASIS

There is reason to believe that an improved flow of trade between East and West will serve to cut down some of the lengthy trips in ballast, since there would appear every prospect of such trade being on a reciprocal basis.

In other words, tramp ships stand a better chance of making a straight two-way voyage with

cargo, as against proceeding in ballast from the cargo port of discharge over a long stretch to the next loading port.

If, as the Soviet Foreign Trade Minister has told the British business delegation in Moscow, Russia is prepared greatly to expand her trade with Britain, there will be, essentially, a reciprocal move by this country. A fairly logical conclusion in this respect is that Britain will step up her grain purchases from Russia, but quality must not be left out of consideration.

Another point to remember also, is that while Russia's more conciliatory attitude points to a prospective benefit to Britain's shipbuilding industry, there is the question whether or not British yards can give specified delivery dates, particularly so over the next three years.

## CHINA TRADE

There are rumours that Britain may seek to consider the question of increasing her trade with China, but the first point that comes to mind is, what can China offer in return for the industrial manufactures that she would like to import in appreciable quantities from this country?

Generally, therefore, the immediate outlook for the tramp shipping industry is rather more satisfactory than it appeared some time ago, but it would be inadvisable to view the future through rose-coloured spectacles or with any degree of complacency.

There is still the overshadowing factor of a continual growth in world merchant fleets, and there will have to be a much greater expansion in trading prospects than those already envisaged if a comparative balance is to be struck between world tonnage supply and world cargo trade.

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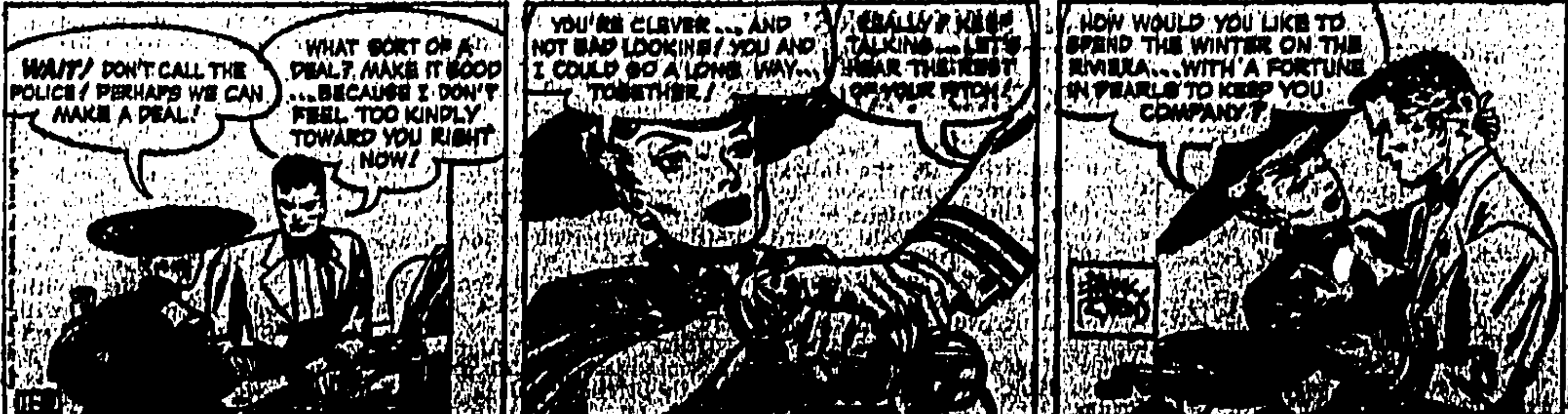
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 Macao, 6 p.m.  
 THURSDAY, MARCH 4  
 India, Ceylon, 9 a.m.  
 Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 10 a.m.  
 Japan, Noon.  
 Formosa, 1 p.m.  
 Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. and Canada, 1 p.m.  
 Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, U.S.A. and Canada, 6 p.m.  
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 China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.  
 Macao, 8 a.m.  
 N. Borneo, 9 a.m.  
 Philippines, S. Africa, S. Africa, N. Rhodesia (via L. Marquise), Japan, Canada, 1 p.m.  
 Malaya, Burma, Noon.  
 Korea, 2 p.m.  
 Macao, 2 p.m.

## 11-Year-Old Girl Gives Birth

Saltwater, N. Carolina, Mar. 2.  
 An 11-year-old girl gave birth to a five-pound 15-ounce son today, Saltwater Memorial Hospital reported.  
 The girl, named Caroline, was born in Saltwater, N. Carolina, and is the daughter of a local doctor.



## Naguib Examines Farouk's Coins



The sale of the vast collections of art treasures, formerly the property of ex-King Farouk, took place recently at the Koubek Palace in Cairo. This picture shows President Naguib (centre left) examining part of the collection of coins. He is accompanied by officials of the Egyptian Government. The collections will probably raise some £500,000 for the Egyptian Treasury.—Express Photo.

No Cells, No Bars, Just Ping-Pong And Bridge

## The Germans Thought This Prison Was A Sports Club

Copenhagen, March 2.

A prison without bars is the Danish prison authorities' answer to the problem of the "dead-end kids." There are probably as numerous in Copenhagen and other large Danish towns and as troublesome to the police, as anywhere in the world.

Forty years ago, whipping was formally abolished in Danish prisons. Today, troublesome young men are sent to prisons without bars, where the recreations include ping-pong, miniature golf and even bridge.

Recently, a Danish auditor disallowed expenses incurred in giving miniature golf lessons to the inmates of one prison. But his attitude is not supported by those in charge of the prisons because they believe that one of the answers to the "dead-end kid" problem is to teach youth the use of leisure.

The first prison without bars in Denmark was started as an experiment some years ago and by now enough experience has been gathered to enable prison authorities to know not only for what type of prisoner they are best suited, but also how they should be run.

A true story is told of how two tired and hungry German soldiers during the war, seeing one of these prisons without bars, stopped and asked for

two beers. When told that it was a prison, the Germans replied: "Sorry, we thought it was a sports club."

The contrast between the conventional prison without its tiny cells and forbidding aspect, and the new prisons is astounding. Instead of a bare cell, the prisoners usually live in couples in small rooms which are simply, but normally, furnished with tables and chairs, a radiator, pictures, table cloths, books and even plants in the windows.

But while "iron bars do not make a prison make," as the poet says, even a prison without bars has its disadvantages. However pleasant it is still a place where the inmates are deprived of their liberty and are subjected to rigid discipline.

### Calling Restraints

In a normal prison, according to Inspector Worsane Petersen, who manages a prison without bars for juvenile offenders, the first few months are the worst. After that, the prisoner gradually becomes more or less accustomed to his surroundings.

In a prison without bars, the beginning of the sentence is the easiest and it is not until two, three or four months have passed that the prisoner feels the full its galling restraints.

Most of these open establishments are not large, holding about 70 or 80 young men between the ages of 18 and 25, who have been sentenced for theft, assault or unruly conduct of one sort or another.

In a prison without bars, the demands upon the prisoners are not the same as in normal prisons. But Mr Petersen believes they are no less severe. For instance, the fact that the prisoners have to live together as members of a community demands much of a young man whose inclinations are generally unsocial and unsuitable.

Working hours are eight and a half a day, and the young men are kept at it from early in the morning until the late afternoon, with a short interval for "frukost," as the Danish single-decker sandwich lunch is called. During the winter, there are regular compulsory lessons which include gymnastics, gardening, carpentry, elvics and hygiene.

The daily sports time amounts to three and a half hours and in the time they are chosen

aged to work on useful projects and hobbies.

The principal aim of the authorities is to train the young men so that they profit from the time spent in prison. Letters are allowed and inmates are encouraged to talk over their problems with the prison authorities.

Spare time occupations are organised in clubs managed by the prisoners themselves, with one member of the prison staff taking part to ensure continuity.

Where possible, an effort is made to get these clubs recognised by outside organisations.

Great stress is laid upon hobbies, for it is felt that if a prisoner becomes interested in a hobby and is a member of a hobby club, the persons he is likely to meet will be much better for him than those he would find in the coffee bar, billiard saloon or low class drinking den to which he would otherwise probably resort.

Among the occupations organised into clubs are model flying, chess, bridge, athletics, amateur theatricals, table tennis, association football and hand ball.

### "Our Clientele"

The Danish press has poked much fun at teaching the prisoners miniature golf. But Mr Worsane Petersen explained that "a certain part of our clientele consists of backward youngsters, mentally undeveloped and unaccustomed to any form of spare time occupation."

"It is therefore necessary to start them with very easy and simple things like miniature golf, croquet and draughts, which are intended to lead them to more complicated pursuits requiring some thought."

"Not all youngsters are able to understand the complexities of bridge or chess, or have sufficient manual dexterity for woodwork."

"We encounter an unbelievable degree of passiveness. The percentage of 'dead-end kids' who are capable of doing something and are mentally active is surprisingly small, and for many this very passivity can easily lead to crime."

Believing that their principal task is to reform and make good citizens of prisoners rather than merely to punish them, Danish prison authorities think that they have discovered the way to rehabilitate these "dead-end kids" who are primarily the product of unsatisfactory social conditions and not of innate evil.

## Commonwealth Businessmen Meeting In June

London.

Businessmen from many parts of the Commonwealth and Empire will meet in Montreal from June 14, 1954 to discuss, in a non-political atmosphere, many questions affecting Commonwealth commerce and industry.

Under the Presidency of Lord Burgaville, delegates from the Federation of Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire will be taking part in the Eighteenth Congress which is being held there at the joint invitation of the City Council of Montreal, the Montreal Board of Trade and the Chambers de Commerce du District de Montreal.

The Governor-General of Canada, the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, has consented to open the ceremony.

The Congress has special significance at a time when much depends on the closest possible co-operation between the sterling and dollar areas. The last Congress to be held in Canada was in 1920.

Subjects upon which the Congress will report will be grouped under the following headings:

1. Industry and Commerce.
2. Constitutional and Social Questions.
3. International Payments.
4. Economic Development of the Commonwealth and Empire.

(London Express Service)

## London Foreign Exchange

London, Mar. 2.  
New York 100/15-1/2  
Paris 100/15-1/2  
Switzerland 100/15-1/2  
Australia 100/15-1/2  
South Africa 100/15-1/2  
India 100/15-1/2  
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Burma 100/15-1/2

## TRADE AND COMMERCE SECTION

# BRITAIN FAVOURED BY BUYERS' MARKET

## The Upper Hand With Argentina

By Sydney S. Campbell, Reuter's Financial Editor

London, March 2.

The change from sellers' markets to buyers' markets dominates all Britain's negotiations with her supplying countries. Access to U.S. surpluses for "payment" in sterling is only one facet of the change, and Argentina is merely an example of the prospective effects.

When the current five-year Anglo-Argentine Trade Agreement was negotiated in 1949, Britain was in the weak position of being the most necessitous buyer in sellers' markets. When the next long-term agreement comes up for negotiation in the near future (the negotiations are due to start on April 1 but are always late) the British officials will have to resist the temptation to overplay the shift of bargaining power in their favour.

In the protocol covering the current half-year, signed in Buenos Aires on February 8, Britain obtained only trifling concessions on such important matters as financial remittances and the expropriated British-owned utilities. The British negotiators have been criticised here for not having secured more.

It seems more significant that they secured anything at all, considering that there was some doubt whether it was worth while to have any protocol for this half-year.

On remittances, the Argentine concession was for non-railway pensions. This is not much, but the Argentines were not under any strict obligation to do more. In December 1952 they undertook to consider the resumption of ordinary financial remittances if in the course of 1954 the general foreign exchange situation improved sufficiently.

Plainly that obligation did not fall due in February. In one of her own similar calendar-year obligations (the annual release of sterling balance to Egypt) Britain argues that she is entitled to defer the payments until December 31 if she

chooses. In fact, despite what she suffers at Egypt's hands, she has hitherto paid up on January and though she would no doubt like the example to be followed when she is on the receiving side, she can hardly demand it.

The Argentine undertaking of December 1952 still exists. Its application evidently depends on the course of events this year and on the impending negotiations for the long-term agreement.

### BEST ENDEAVOURS

As regards the utilities, the protocol of February 8 renews the Article (which was itself a renewal of similar promises in previous protocols), by which the Argentine authorities undertake, within the limits of their powers in these matters, to use their best endeavours to promote a settlement.

In addition, the Argentine Foreign Minister sent the British Ambassador another letter of good intent about the utilities. The text of the letter is unpublished but its gist is understood to be that the Argentine authorities appreciate the importance of the subject and express their goodwill and their desire, within the limits of their powers, to promote a satisfactory solution as soon as possible.

In responsible quarters the letter has been described as definitely leaving the door open for negotiations in connection with the discussions for the long-term trade agreement. On remittances, utilities and all other major matters, both sides are evidently holding their fire for these main negotiations.

The agreement of February 8 on stop-gap arrangements for the current half-year was in the nature of a preliminary center. A letter in such cordial terms can hardly fail to help the British negotiators when the time comes.

This whole Anglo-Argentine relationship may be only one aspect of something far more important. The terms of trade—the relative cheapening of imports—have been lucky for Chancellor Butler almost ever since he took office. Both he and his predecessor, Mr Gaiskell, seem to fear that the luck is about to turn. But it remains to be seen.

It may be that one has so far seen only the beginning of the benefits that Britain, the great buyer, and sterling, the great international currency, stand to get from the inflationary proclivity of the Americans and from the swing from sellers' to buyers' markets.—Reuter.

## Standard Oil Co. Estimates Record Profit

New York, Mar. 2.  
The Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey) today estimated its consolidated net income for 1953 had been \$1,000,000,000 or 19.13 a share. In 1952, Standard Oil's net income was \$800,000,000 or 15.26 a share. Capital expenditures for 1953 were estimated at \$500,000,000. The company's earnings per share for 1953 were \$1.10.

## Australian Wool Record Expected

Washington, Mar. 2.  
The US Agriculture Department said today the latest Australian forecast places the 1953-54 Australian wool clip at 1,200,000,000 pounds. The forecast was issued jointly by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The record estimate for the 1952-53 Australian wool clip is an all-time record of 1,300,000,000 pounds, a departmental publication said.—United Press.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$1,120,045.10. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings—

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Shops Say They're Japanese!

## More Complaints In UK About Rubber Boots Made In HK

The Director of the Hongkong Government's London office, Mr E. G. A. Grimwood, has refuted yet another allegation that rubber boots, labelled "Empire," are being imported into Britain from Japan.

The boots in question were made by the Hongkong Rubber Manufacturing Ltd. and marketed in Britain under the firm's trademark, "Seacrest."

Following a complaint from one of his constituents, Mr Robert Crouch, M.P. (Conservative) raised the matter in Parliament. He said his constituent had been told "in confidence" by a shopkeeper that the boots really came from Japan.

Mr Grimwood then wrote to Mr Crouch pointing out that the boots were made by a "very old established" Hongkong rubber factory and imported into Britain by a company which has long experience in such imports from Hongkong.

They qualified for Imperial Preference after submission of fully detailed and documented costs to a leading firm of Hongkong accountants.

### MALAYAN ORIGIN

Mr Grimwood continued: "The rubber content is entirely of Malayan origin and documents are available showing the precise estate upon which the rubber was produced."

"The canvas is wholly of U.K. origin and chain of evidence exists going back to the producing mill. With these two basic materials being wholly of Empire origin, and all the labour processes carried out in Hongkong, the actual Empire content of the boots will be considerably in excess of the statutory requirements of 50 per cent."

"I can only suggest that the shopkeeper, who imparted the 'confidential' information has become a victim of the insidious suggestions by those who oppose the entry of Hongkong goods into the U.K. that such products are manufactured in Japan."

## Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Mar. 2.

The rubber market was quiet. Prices of futures closed today as follows:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	Mar. 53 1/2-54 1/2
No. 2 rubber per lb.	Mar. 53 1/2-54 1/2
No. 3 rubber per lb.	Mar. 53 1/2-54 1/2
Spot rubber unbleached	53 1/2-54 1/2
Blanket crepe	40 1/2-41 1/2
No. 1 pale crepe	40 1/2-41 1/2

### NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Mar. 2.

Rubber futures today closed unchanged to 10 points higher with sales of 14 contracts.

Futures ruled steady in company with the London cables, although activity was not broad enough to develop particular feature.

Spot No. 1 Rs were quoted at 10 1/2 cents a pound. Future closings were:

Rice quoted at 10-7 1/2	per lb.
Spot No. 1 Rice	10-10 1/2
Settlement house term:	
April	10 1/2-10 3/4
May	10 1/2-10 3/4
June	10 1/2-10 3/4
April/June	10 1/2-10 3/4
July/Sept.	10 1/2-10 3/4
Oct./Dec.	10 1/2-10 3/4
Flour, macaroni, etc. basis	normal



